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Jaech, Jeffrey (for Petitioner Mary S. Watson) Atty Atty

Nahigian, Eliot (for Respondent Cynthia D. Watson)

Notice of Motion and Motion for Order to Correct Clerical Error in Judgment and Amend Judgment Nunc Pro Tunc and Alternatively to Modify Void Judgment

DC	D: 7/13/1991		MARY S. WATSON is petitioner.	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
07	int. from 06231 1014 081114, 1514	4,	Petitioner states she completed the probate of the decedent in proper, enlisting the assistance of a paralegal to prepare the petition for final distribution.	Continued from 10/15/14. 1. Order does not comply with
<u> </u>	Aff.Sub.Wit.		An error occurred in the language of the testamentary trust. The paralegal failed to	Local Rule 7.6.1B – No riders or exhibits may be attached
1	Verified		include language in the testamentary trust	to any order, except as may
	Inventory		that identified the decedent's children.	be otherwise provided on Judicial Council forms.
	PTC		Decedent died survived by his wife, Mary	Need new order.
	Not.Cred.		S. Watson, his child, Cynthia D. Knott, who	
√	Notice of Hrg		is the issue of a prior marriage, and his two stepchildren, Martin R. Claborn and	
✓	Aff.Mail	W/	Kimberly Claborn Miller (who was referred to in the Will as Kimberly D. Garrett), who	
	Aff.Pub.		are the children of Mary S. Watson.	
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	Pers.Serv.		Article Second of Decedent's Will identifies his children to include his natural	
	Conf.		born child and his stepchildren.	
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	Letters		Decedent's Will gives all of his personal	
_	Duties/Supp		property to his wife and Decedent's other	
	Objections		assets consisting primarily of Decedent's ½ community property interest in certain	
	Video		farmland in trust for the benefit of his wife	
	Receipt		during her lifetime, and upon the death of	
	CI Report		Petitioner, to be divided into "as many	
<u> </u>	9202 Order		equal shares as there are children of min then living and children of mine then	
<u> </u>			deceased leaving issue."	
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Given the language in Article Two of the Will which provides that stepchildren are to be treated as children, upon the death of Petitioner, the Will provides that the assets in the testamentary trust are to be distributed in equal shares to **Cynthia D. Knott, Martin R. Claborn** and **Kimberly Claborn Miller.**

On April 11, 2014 Petitioner met with an estate planning attorney and was advised that the language of the order provided that **Cynthia D. Knott** was the sole remainderman beneficiary of the trust due to the omission of the language that the term "child" or "children" also refer to the Decedent's stepchildren. Petitioner took prompt action to cause this petition to be filed.

The error in the language of the judgment is readily apparent from the judgment roll consisting of the original will, the petition for probate, the order for probate and the judgment of final distribution which clearly does not conform to Decedent's wishes as expressed in the Will.

Alternatively, the Judgment of Final Distribution to Testamentary Trust is a void judgment and is subject to modification because the omission in the language of the judgment resulted in the court exceeding its authority, however unintentionally by rendering a judgment for distribution which was contrary to the intent of the Decedent as expressed in his Will.

Granting modification of the judgment nunc pro tunc is appropriate because Petitioner is still alive and the interests of any remainderman of the testamentary trust have not yet ripened into current interests.

Wherefore Petitioner prays for an order that the following language erroneously and mistakenly omitted for the judgment shall be added to the end of the judgment to conform to the Decedent's intent as expressed in his will: "The terms 'Decedent's child', 'Decedent's children', 'child of Decedent' and 'children of Decedent' as used in this Judgment of Final Distribution and Final Distribution to Testamentary Trust and in the testamentary trust set forth herein shall include Decedent's child Cynthia D. Knott, and step-children Martin R. Claborn and Kimberly Claborn Miller."

Points and Authorities attached to the Petition.

Response of Cynthia D. Watson to Petition for Order to Correct Clerical Error filed on 6/19/14.

Respondent alleges the omission was not clerical and the Judgment is not void. The petition is not timely because the time to challenge a Judgment on direct appeal has passed. Respondent further alleges that the Petitioner does not have standing to prosecute this petition. The petition and each and every claim therein fails to state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action or basis for relief. Petitioner is estopped by her own conduct from obtaining any relief under her Petition. Petitioner's acts, conduct and/or omissions were the proximate cause of Petitioner's alleged damages.

Respondent prays as follows:

- 1. Petitioner take nothing by way of the Petition;
- 2. That the Petition be dismissed with prejudice;
- 3. For costs of suit.

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Points and Authorities in Support of Opposition to Petition to Correct Clerical Error filed on 6/19/14.

Petitioner's Reply to Verified Response of Respondent Cynthia D. Watson filed on 6/20/14. Petitioner alleges Respondent has failed to file her opposition on a timely basis and the result is that she has waived any opportunity to oppose the Motion and has consented to the entry of the order requested in the motion. This is a motion to correct a clerical error in a judgment. The requirement for filing of papers opposing a motion are set forth in CCP 1005(b) which provides that all papers opposing a motion shall be filed with the court and a copy served on each party at least nine court days before the hearing. Respondent did not comply with this requirement. In fact, Respondent did not come close to complying with this requirement. It appears that Respondent's opposition was filed either Wednesday, June 18, 2014 or on Thursday June 19, 2014. Petitioner's attorney received a faxed copy of the response at 4:48 p.m. on Wednesday. In order for this response to be timely, it should have been filed at least by Tuesday, June 10, 2014, more than a week before it was filed. Opposing Counsel's late filing is prejudicial to Petitioner and other interested parties.

Petitioner further alleges that the cases cited by Respondent do not apply to an action to correct a clerical error pursuant to CCP §473(d). Respondent has misstated and misapplied the law. The case cited makes a clear distinction between the correction of a clerical error and the correction of a judicial error. The Court may correct by a nunc pro tunc order an inadvertent or clerical error. The distinction between a clerical error and a judicial error does not depend so much on the person making as it does on whether it was the deliberate result of judicial reasoning and determination. A clerical error in the judgment includes inadvertent errors made by the court which cannot be reasonably attributed to the exercise of judicial consideration or discretion. Clerical error is to be distinguished from judicial error which cannot be corrected by amendment.

Petitioner should be permitted to modify the order for Final Distribution to conform to the will because the order incorporates the terms of the will by reference.

Respondent's argument that the existence of Article Thirteenth B in the Will indicates that there is a different interpretation of the Decedent's intent is without merit.

In summary, it is clear from the evidence presented as well as the record in the court file that there was an error in the order which has an inadvertent mistake, not the result of judicial deliberation, but the result of an oversight. The law gives the court broad power to determine that an error was clerical rather than judicial, and therefore, this court has the opportunity to correct its error.

Petitioner has estimated that the property in trust has a value of approximately \$1,750,000.00. Obviously Decedent's daughter, Respondent, would like to receive those assets. However, her father clearly and expressed his intent that these assets be divided three ways among his daughter and step-children. Under the current order the assets will go entirely to Decedent's daughter completely in contravention of Decedent's intent as expressed in his Will. The Court has an opportunity and authority to prevent a great injustice.

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Petitioner's Supplemental Reply to Verified Response filed on 7/2/14 states the court may upon motion of the injured party correct clerical errors to cause a decree of distribution to conform to decedent's Will. Petitioner should be permitted to modify the Order for Final Distribution to conform to the Will because the order incorporates the terms of the Will by reference. (Cases cited in support of argument)

Respondent's Additional Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition to Petition filed on 7/1/14. Respondent states in this case, the decedent's Will provides in Article SECOND "that the terms, "my child" and "my children" as used in this Will shall include my child and stepchildren . . ." and also includes Article THIRTEENTH B., which provides in part as follows: ""Issue" of a person means of such person's lawful descendants of every degree . . . However, nothing in this Will shall include foster children or step-children in the term "issue" "lineal descendant," or "ancestor.""

Neither Article SECOND nor Article THIRTEENTH B., are included in the Petition for Distribution or in the Judgment of Final Distribution. The two articles conflict and provide different definitions for "child" and "children."

Petitioner contends that the provisions of Article SECOND of the Will are incorporated into the Judgment. This is not the case. As Petitioner points out, the trust is to be held, administered and distributed only "in accordance with the provisions of Paragraphs SIXTH, SEVENTH, and EIGHTH of Decedent's Will." There is no mention in the Judgment of Article SECOND. (Cases cited in support of argument)

Petitioner's Reply to Respondent's Additional Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition filed on 7/8/14 states Article Second and Article Thirteenth B do not conflict. Article Second and Article Thirteenth B are mutually exclusive. Article Second defines the terms "my child" and "my children". The parenthesis surrounding the terms in each of these sections make it clear that the respective definitions apply when the specific terms are used. Both terms "children" and "issue" are used in different places in the will. The terms are neither conflated nor used interchangeably as Respondent suggests. When the terms "child" or "children" are used, step-children are included in the definition. When the term "issue" is used, step-children are excluded. There is no judicial interpretation necessary here, nor is there any evidence whatsoever that the court was required to make, nor made, judicial interpretations regarding this issue. There is no evidence that there was a judicial interpretation made, but there is ample evidence presented that there was a clerical error.

In addition, the judgment makes sufficient reference to the will to incorporate the terms of the will into the order. The language in the order states, in "accordance with the provisions of Paragraphs SIXTH, SEVENTH, and EIGHTH of Decedent's Will. . . " In the will, the terms of Article Second are incorporated into the rest of the will, including, Articles, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth. The reference to Decedent's Will in the order would have no meaning if Articles Sixth, Seventh and Eighth are to be construed differently in the Judgment than in the will.

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Respondent's Supplemental Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Opposition filed on 11/13/14.Objector alleges Petitioner's motion is an improper attack on a final judgment. Petitioner seeks to materially alter the Judgment even though the Judgment is exactly what Petitioner asked the Court to enter more than twenty years ago.

Law and argument included in the pleading.

Simply put, the distribution expressly and unambiguously requested in the prayer of the Petition for Final Distribution was the exact distribution that was granted and entered by the Court in its Judgment. Now, more than twenty years later, Petitioner has discovered her error and files the instant Motion asking this Court to issue an order nunc pro tunc in contravention of the well established and binding authorizes cited. Petitioner has not submitted any evidence that there was an error in recording the Judgment. Indeed, the undisputed facts show that the Judgment entered in 1991 was precisely what Petitioner asked the Court to enter. The principle of finality of judgments prevails over changing a judgment to what "ought to have" provided. The instant motion should be denied.

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Atty Nahigian, Eliot S. (for Respondent Cynthia D. Watson)
Atty Jaech, Jeffrey A. (for Petitioner Mary S. Watson)

Status Conference

DOD: 7/13/1991 MARY S. WATSON filed a Petition to **NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:** Correct Clerical Error in the Judgment for Final Distribution. Continued from 10/15/14. Petitioner prayed for an order that the Cont. from 101514 language erroneously and mistakenly Aff.Sub.Wit. omitted for the judgment be added to the end of the judgment to conform to Verified the Decedent's intent as expressed in Inventory his will: "The terms 'Decedent's child', PTC 'Decedent's children', 'child of Not.Cred. Decedent' and 'children of Decedent' Notice of as used in this Judgment of Final Distribution and Final Distribution to Hrg Testamentary Trust and in the Aff.Mail testamentary trust set forth herein shall Aff.Pub. include Decedent's child Cynthia D. Sp.Ntc. Knott, and step-children Martin R. Pers.Serv. Claborn and Kimberly Claborn Miller." Conf. Screen CYNTHIA D. WATSON responded alleging the omission was not clerical Letters and the Judament was not void. In **Duties/Supp** addition, the respondent alleged the **Objections** petition is not timely because the time Video to challenge a Judgment on direct Receipt appeal had passed. Finally **CI Report** Respondent alleged that the Petitioner 9202 did not have standing to prosecute this petition. Order Aff. Posting Reviewed by: KT **Status Rpt** Reviewed on: 11/21/14 Please see additional page **UCCJEA Updates: Recommendation:** Citation File 1B - Watson **FTB Notice**

Status Report of Mary S. Watson filed on 10/9/14 states the motion is ready for ruling by the court. The issue for the court is simply whether omitting the definition of the testator's children from the Judgment of Final Distribution was a clerical error or a judicial error. If it was a clerical error, as the Moving Party contends, then the court may now correct the clerical error under CCP§473(d).

On the other hand, if the court determines the error was judicial, and cannot be corrected under CCP§473(d), then we are left with an ambiguity in the Judgment as to the definition of "children" under the circumstances. Moving Party contemplates if this occurs, her daughter would petition the court to resolve the ambiguity. In that case, discovery to search for additional extrinsic evidence would be proper, even though the will itself seemingly conclusively resolves the ambiguity.

Respondent argues that Moving Party is not an "injured party," even though she was the decedent's personal representative and was duty-bound to execute the decedent's estate plan as stated in his will. This standing issue can be mooted by either the court correcting the error on its own as permitted under CCP §473(d), or by Moving Party's daughter joining the motion, which she is willing to do.

Accordingly, Moving Party requests that the court rule on the pending motion as soon as possible.

Status Report of Respondent Cynthia D. Watson filed 10/9/14 states while the Petitioner contends that there is a clerical error in the Judgment, Respondent maintains that the error is a judicial error, which cannot be corrected by a nunc pro tunc order. The Judgment is unambiguous. The claimed error is not a clerical error. Judith A. Ward, the paralegal who assisted Mary Watson in Mary Watson's pro per probate of the Will, states in her declaration filed with the court on August 7, 2014, that she "neglected to include in the petition of the proposed judgment the recitation . . ."

Although Judith A. Ward, by her own admission, may have been negligent, the real error in this case were the result of the Decedent and Mary Watson's neglect by not timely consulting with an attorney prior to the execution of a 24-page death bed trust will; not timely seeking legal advice from an attorney on how to provide for a blended family; by using a will that created a testamentary trust (requiring probate of the Will – which was done pro per) rather than using a revocable living trust (each spouse could have had his or her own living trust to deal with the disposition of his or her own property or share of the community property). The Decedent and Mary did change the title of joint tenancy property to community property thereby achieving the favorable income tax benefit of a step-up in basis of both halves of the depreciable farm property on Decedent's death.

Most applicable case authority is the <u>Estate of Eckstrom</u> (1960) 54 C.2d. 540, 7 Cal.Rptr. 124. In Eckstrom the Supreme Court held that clerical errors do not include those errors made by the court because of its failure to correctly interpret the law or apply the facts. It is only when the form of the judgment fails to coincide with the substance thereof, as intended at the time of the rendition of the judgment, that it can be reached by a corrected nunc pro tunc order.

No settlement offers have been commenced as of the date of the signing of this Status Report. Respondent believes that it is in the best interest of Petitioner, Petitioner's children, and Respondent that the parties engage in settlement discussions.

Brock, Kenneth (for Administrator Renee Mason)

Probate Status Hearing Re: Failure to File the Inventory and Appraisal and for Failure to File a First Account or Petition for Final Distribution

DOD: 9/18/2004	RENEE MASON, mother, was appointed	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
	as Administrator with full IAEA authority	
	and without bond on 7/26/2005.	Continued from 9/3/14.
	Letters issued 7/26/2005.	Need inventory and appraisal,
Cont. from 021414,	2011013 133000 7 7 207 2000.	and first account or petition for
053014, 080414,	Inventory and appraisal was due	final distribution, or current written
090314	December 2005.	status report pursuant to Local
Aff.Sub.Wit.		Rule 7.5 which states in all matters
Verified	First account or petition for final	set for status hearing verified
Inventory	distribution was due August 2006.	status reports must be filed no
PTC	Creditor's Claim in the amount of	later than 10 days before the hearing. Status Reports must
Not.Cred.	\$799.97 filed on 3/26/2005 by Bank of	comply with the applicable code
Notice of	America.	requirements. Notice of the status
Hrg		hearing, together with a copy of
Aff.Mail	Notice of Status Hearing was mailed to	the Status Report shall be served
Aff.Pub.	attorney Kenneth Brock and Administrator Renee Mason on	on all necessary parties.
Sp.Ntc.	11/21/14.	2. Need substitution of attorney.
Pers.Serv.	11/21/14.	2. Need substitution of afformer.
Conf.	Minute order dated 2/14/14 indicates	
Screen	Administrator Renee Mason was present	
Letters	in court and was provided a copy of	
Duties/Supp	the examiner notes.	
Objections	Minute Order dated 5/30/14 states	
Video	Attorney Douglas Hurt will be	
Receipt	representing Ms. Mason.	
CI Report		
9202	Minute Order dated 8/4/14 states	
Order	Attorney Browlskey is appearing by	
Aff. Posting	Court Call.	Reviewed by: KT
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UCCJEA	_	Updates:
Citation	_	Recommendation:
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Keene, Thomas J. (of Dos Palos, CA, for Anita Choperena – Administrator – Petitioner)

First Account and Report of Administrator and Petition for Its Settlement Thereof

DOD: 11-27-05	ANITA CHOPERENA, Mother and Administrator	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/
DOD: 11-27-03	with Limited IAEA with bond of \$150,000.00.	COMMENTS:
	First Account period: 11-27-05 through 12-31-13	
0 1 6 040744	Accounting: \$ 2,274,542.15	OFF CALENDAR
Cont. from 040714,	Beginning POH: \$ 872,833.56	(Page A only)
050514, 110514	Ending POH: \$ 795,647.66	Amended First Account filed
Aff.Sub.Wit.	(Ending POH consists of \$4,852.34 cash plus real	11-26-14 is set for hearing on
✓ Verified	property, personal property, and various motor vehicles and equipment)	1-12-15.
✓ Inventory		Barara A. Firet A a a suret are al
✓ PTC	Administrator requests payment of \$150,000.00	Page A: First Account and Report of Administrator
✓ Not.Cred.	on her Creditor's Claim filed 6-20-06. (See Page	(Off calendar)
✓ Notice of	C.)	, ,
Hrg		Page B: Petition for Order to
Aff.Mail X	Receipt for Costs filed 3-4-14 indicates that	Continue to Operate Decedent's Business and to
Aff.Pub.	Anita Choperena has paid herself \$34,363.62 for costs advanced detailed in Attachment A	Borrow Funds under Probate
Sp.Ntc.	including farm land loan interest payments,	Code §§ 9760 and 9800
Pers.Serv.	former attorney retainer fee, irrigation expenses,	Page C: Allowance or
Conf.	etc.	Rejection of Creditor's Claim
Screen		Rejection of creations and
✓ Letters 2-24-06	Petitioner states several loans were made to the	Minute Order 11-5-14: The
Duties/Supp	estate by the Administrator totaling \$345,505.00,	Court orders that Petitioner is not allowed to sell the
Objections	of which \$332,500.00 has been paid, and \$13,005.00 remains owing per Exhibit B.	property without Court
Video	Tro,000.00 remains owing per Exhibit b.	approval. Mr. Keene is to file
Receipt	Petitioner requests this Court order:	a verified declaration
CI Report	·	regarding the farm income by November 26.
✓ 9202	That the First Account and Report of	by November 26.
✓ Order	Administrator be settled, allowed, and	Note: On 11-26-14, an
	approved as filed;	Amended First Account,
	2. All reported acts and proceedings of	along with verified declarations regarding the
	Petitioner as Administrator be confirmed and	farm income and notice to
	approved;	the mother of the heirs, were
		filed. The account is set for
	3. Petitioner be authorized and directed to Pay	hearing 1-12-15.
	herself the total sum of \$150,000.00 plus	SEE ADDITIONAL PAGES
	accrued interest on the Creditor's Claim filed	SEE ADDITIONAL FAGES
Aff. Posting	6-20-06; and	Reviewed by: skc
Status Rpt	4. For such further orders as the Court considers	Reviewed on: 11-20-14
UCCJEA	proper.	Updates: 11-26-14
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NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS (CONTINUED):

The following issues remain noted:

Petitioner was appointed as Administrator with Limited authority under IAEA over eight (8) years
ago on 2-24-06. There was no mention in the original petition for probate of the real property in
Merced County or the decedent's apparent farming business. The only assets originally alleged
were income of \$38,000 annually (source not indicated) and proceeds from the foreclosure of
certain residential real property in Fresno. Bond appears to have been based on this estimate.

At no time did the Administrator petition the Court for authorization to continue operation of the Decedent's business under Probate Code §9760 or to borrow, loan, etc., under Probate Code §9800.

Need clarification as to how these acts and transactions of the Administrator were to the advantage of the estate in the best interest of the minor heirs.

<u>Note</u>: There is no schedule showing net income/loss pursuant to Probate Code § 1062(c); however, the estate/business appears to be operating at a loss, as the overall Disbursements exceeded Receipts, including loans, by approx. \$77,185.90, although according to the Reappraisal, the value of the real property itself has increased some. However, Examiner also notes that there is a negative balance of cash noted in the Ending POH of –\$4,852.34.

<u>Update</u>: Petitioner has now filed a Petition for Order to Continue to Operate Decedent's Business and to Borrow Funds under Probate Code Sections 9760 and 9800. See Page B.

2. The Administrator had a duty to apply for increased bond upon knowledge of the bond's insufficiency pursuant to Cal. Rules of Court 7.204.

It appears from this accounting that the annual income of the estate (business?) was approx. \$132,000.00, not including the loans from the Administrator. Therefore, together with the cash and personal property assets as inventoried, bond should have been increased to at least \$224,833.56 as early as the Administrator was aware. At this time, based on the approx. annual income plus the POH, bond should be increased to at least \$152,647.66.

<u>Update</u>: Order to Increase Bond to \$150,000.00 was signed ex parte on 4-9-14. Additional bond was filed 5-6-14.

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NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS (CONTINUED):

3. Petitioner requests approval of payment of her Creditor's Claim filed 6-26-06 for \$150,000.00 plus accrued interest based on "Deed of Trust, Recorded on October 4, 1999." However, there is no explanation regarding this transaction, including whether any payment schedule existed or payments were made prior to the decedent's death in 2005. Also, it appears interest has now been accruing for many years. Is there a reason the Administrator did not request allowance via proper channel previously (i.e., Allowance or Rejection form)? What is the current balance owing, and how was letting the interest accrue in the best interest of the estate and minor heirs?

<u>Update</u>: Petitioner has now submitted the Allowance or Rejection of Creditor's Claim Form DE-174 to the Court for consideration. Pursuant to Order dated 4-11-14, the matter will be set for hearing and considered along with this petition. See Page C.

4. Petitioner indicates that the Administrator has advanced costs to the estate totaling \$34,363.62. It appears that most of the "costs" listed appear to be business expenses, such as payment of wages and for machines, etc. Need clarification as to how these items are categorized as "costs" whereas it is known that the Administrator was also making "loans" to the estate for business purposes.

Update: See below re Declaration filed 4-9-14.

5. Petitioner's "costs" also includes payment of her former attorney Brian T. Austin's retainer in the amount of \$1,500.00. Please note that compensation has not been authorized to the attorney, nor is such authorization requested at this time.

<u>Update</u>: Declaration states the attorney was paid \$1,500.00 for costs incurred, rather than as a "retainer" or as an attorney's fee. Petitioner is informed and believes that there is a balance owing the estate for the unused portion of these funds of \$652.00.

6. This petition is filed as a "First Account;" however, it is far overdue and also does not indicate when the estate will be in a condition to close or request estimated additional time for administration.

Need verified declaration as to the condition of the estate, the reasons why the estate cannot be distributed and closed, and an estimate of the time needed to close the estate pursuant to Probate Code §12201.

Update: See below re Declaration filed 4-9-14 and Declaration filed 10-28-14.

Based on the above issues, the Court may strike any language confirming and approving the acts and transactions during the account period.

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Declaration filed 4-9-14 states:

The principal asset of the estate is agricultural real property which is planted in almond trees. Since becoming Administrator, Petitioner has continued the decedent's business of growing and selling almonds. Initially, the debts of the estate exceeded the value of the assets, including the \$150,000.00 debt owed to Petitioner since before her son's death, and including the paper loss (mentioned above) in the amount of \$4,852.35. However, the last payment for the 2013 crop has come in that more than makes up for that amount.

Petitioner states there is also a lien against the amount payable for attorney's fees of \$2,073.28, but it is Petitioner's understanding that this does not reduce the value of the estate but is an issue to be worked out between Petitioner's current attorney and former attorney.

Regarding the \$150,000.00 promissory note owed to Petitioner: It bears an interest rate at 7% per annum. Petitioner has not been paying herself on this loan nor has she been paid any principal. The other loans she made to the estate for the farming operation have been interest-free even though this particular loan does bear interest. A copy of the note and deed of trust is attached to the Allowance or Rejection of Creditor's Claim filed herewith. (See Page C.)

Petitioner states the estate cannot be closed at this time because there is not enough cash in the estate to pay costs necessary to keep the almond trees productive and pay costs of administering the estate, including attorney's fees. Petitioner has listed the property for sale based upon the value determined in the Reappraisal for Sale; however, the value has been discounted by 20% based on this year's water shortage. Because of this discount, Petitioner is reluctant to let the property go for too small of an amount simply because prices are currently depressed. Petitioner would like to hold the asking price a little while longer to obtain the best price the market has to offer.

It is Petitioner's belief that it is in the best interest of the estate and in the best interest of her grandchildren, who are the heirs, that the court allow Petitioner to continue to operate the almond business with the assets of the estate until the property is sold.

Petitioner states she has, during the course of the administration, loaned money to the estate for the farming operation in order to fund cash flow. As Administrator, Petitioner would like the authority to loan and borrow funds if necessary, to continue to operate the business. It is anticipated that she would be the lender and the term of the loan would be until either the property is sold or the crop is harvested and sold, whichever comes first, as has been the case with all the loans made to the estate. The loan(s) would not have interest.

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Declaration filed 10-28-14 states: The principal asset of this estate is real property planted with almond trees. Petitioner listed the property for sale on 4-7-14 at \$1,500,000.00. When there had been no active interest by anyone, she cancelled the listing. Since the original listing wouldn't expire until 10-31-14, she was afraid that if she actively marketed the property or listed it with anyone else, the first listing agent would still get a portion of the sale price. On or about 10-16-14, she called her attorney, who, after listening to her predicament, advised her to list the property with another realtor right away. On 10-16-14, she listed the property for \$2,400,000.00. However, the attorney told her that the price should have been the reappraisal price of \$1,095,000.00. At present, almost all costs for the 2014 crop have been paid using the first one half of the payment made when the almonds were purchased. The remaining outstanding bills are listed in Exhibit E. The second half of the proceeds from the sale of the 2014 crop is due mid-January in the amount of \$103,334.01. This will leave a balance which should be adequate to pay the cost of closing the estate; however, it may not be enough to also pay off the \$150,000.00 that Petitioner made to her son before his death.

Petitioner states if the real property is distributed in kind, the period immediately after mid-January would be the best time of the year for the almond production. However, Petitioner believes it is in the best interest of the estate to sell the property rather than distribute in kind to her grandchildren.

Therefore, Petitioner would like the Court to give her more time to sell the property.

Keene, Thomas J. (for Anita Choperena – Administrator – Petitioner)

Petition for Order to Continue to Operate Decedent's Business and to
Borrow Funds under Probate Code Sections 9760 and 9800

DOD): 11-27-05		ANITA CHOPERENA, Administrator with Limited	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/
			IAEA with bond of \$106,000.00, is Petitioner.	COMMENTS:
			Petitioner requests an order authorizing her to	Minute Order 11-5-14: The Court orders that
Con	t. from 050514		continue to operate the decedent's business of growing almonds and selling them. The	Petitioner is not allowed to
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		Administrator has been operating the	sell the property without Court approval. Mr.
>	Verified		business with some success over seven years.	Keene is to file a verified
	Inventory		The estate is not in a condition to close	declaration regarding the
	PTC		because it does not have enough cash to pay the costs of administration. Therefore, the	farm income by November 26.
	Not.Cred.		real property must be sold. If left unattended	November 20.
~	Notice of		until it is sold, the almond trees may die from	Note: As of 11-20-14,
	Hrg		lack of water or become stressed and	nothing further has been filed.
>	Aff.Mail	W	unproductive.	
	Aff.Pub.		It is therefore in the best interest of the estate	
	Sp.Ntc.		and the heirs that the Administrator be	
	Pers.Serv.		allowed to continue to operate the business	
	Conf.		while she goes through the process of selling	
	Screen	0.04.04	the real property.	
	Letters	2-24-06	In order to fund the cash flow of the almond	
	Duties/Supp		growing business, the Administrator has been	
	Objections		making interest-free loans to the estate. It is	
	Video Peceint		anticipated that this practice will need to	
	Receipt CI Report		continue tin order to continue with the	
	9202		business. §9800(a)(3) provides that if the court determines that it would be	
~	Order		advantageous to the estate it may make an	
	Aff. Posting		order allowing the personal representative to	Reviewed by: skc
	Status Rpt		borrow against the estate for purposes of	Reviewed on: 11-20-14
	UCCJEA		preserving the property of the estate. The	Updates:
	Citation		Administrator believes that such borrowing is necessary in order to keep the almond trees	Recommendation:
	FTB Notice		on the property alive and productive.	File 4B – Choperena
			· · ·	
			Wherefore, the Administrator asks for an order	
			allowing her to continue to operate the decedent's almond growing business and	
			allowing her to borrow money in order to	
			carry on the business.	
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Manuel Choperena Jr. (Estate)

Keene, Thomas J. (for Anita Choperena – Administrator – Petitioner)

Allowance or Rejection of Creditor's Claim

DOD	: 11-27-05		ANITA CHOPERENA was appointed as	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			Administrator on 2-21-06 with Limited IAEA and bond of \$106,000.00.	Minute Order 11-5-14: The Court orders that Petitioner is
Cont	. from 050514,	110514	On 6-26-06, Ms. Choperena filed a Creditor's Claim against the estate in the	not allowed to sell the property without Court approval. Mr.
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		amount of \$150,000.00 with reference to	Keene is to file a verified declaration regarding the farm
~	Verified		a deed of trust recorded 10-4-99 (not	income by November 26.
	Inventory		attached).	Note: As of 11-20-14, nothing
	PTC		On 12-20-13, the Court reviewed the	further has been filed.
	Not.Cred.		estate and, noting that there had been	
~	Notice of		no activity since 2007, set the matter for	
	Hrg	<u> </u>	status hearing. In response, the Administrator filed her First Account	
<u> </u>	Aff.Mail	W	(Page 2A) in which she requested	
	Aff.Pub.		payment of her claim.	
	Sp.Ntc.	<u> </u>	,	
	Pers.Serv.	l	The Administrator has now submitted for	
	Conf.		the Court's consideration the Allowance	
	Screen Letters	2-24-06	or Rejection of Creditor's Claim form DE- 174 with copies of the Deed of Trust with	
		2-24-00	Assignment of Rents as Additional	
	Duties/Supp Objections		Security recorded 10-4-99 and the	
	Video		Promissory Note dated 9-3-99.	
	Receipt			
	CI Report		The Deed of Trust and Promissory Note indicate that in 1999, prior to the	
	9202		decedent's death, Ms. Choperena	
~	Order		loaned the decedent \$150,000.00 at 7%	
	Aff. Posting		per annum, payable in annual	Reviewed by: skc
	Status Rpt		installments of "\$10,000.00 or more, plus	Reviewed on: 11-20-14
	UCCJEA		interest." The loan was secured by the decedent's agricultural real property in	Updates:
	Citation		Merced County.	Recommendation:
	FTB Notice		,	File 4B – Choperena
			Ms. Choperena states in her Declaration filed 4-9-14 that she has not been paying herself any interest on this loan nor has she been paid any of the principal.	
			Therefore, the Administrator requests that the Court allow her creditor's claim.	

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Atty Wall, Jeffrey L (for Former Administrator Kirk Hagopian)
Atty Morris, Michael J (for Objectors Brandenburger & Davis)

Amended Second Amended First and Final Account and Report of Administrator and Petition for Its Settlement and Approval

DC	D: 12/7/11		KIRK HAGOPIAN, former Administrator,	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
	7D. 12/7/11		is petitioner.	NEEDS/FROBLEMS/COMMENTS.
			is perimoner.	
			Kirk Hagopian resigned as	
			Administrator and Gloria Hagopian	1. Need Notice of Hearing.
Co	nt. from 06161	4,	was appointed Successor	
072	2914		Administrator on 5/27/14. All funds	2. Need proof of service of the
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		except \$5,000.00 were ordered into a	Notice of Hearing on all interested
1	Verified		blocked account (receipt filed on	parties.
Ľ			7/11/14)	
✓	Inventory			3. Need proof of service with a copy
1	PTC		Account period: 8/12/12 - 5/5/14	of the Petition on Michael Morris
<u> </u>				pursuant to the Request for
✓	Not.Cred.		Accounting - \$229,763.00	Special Notice filed on 9/10/12.
	Notice of X		Beginning POH- \$213,413.08	
	Hrg		Ending POH - \$166,207.96	
	Aff.Mail		Date:	
-			Petitioner states that certain cash	4. Need Order
	Aff.Pub.		assets at the time of decedent's death	
	Sp.Ntc.		were wrongfully taken by Gaylene Bolanos and her confederates.	
	Pers.Serv.		Petitioner is represented by Fresno	Places are additional page
	Conf.		attorney Leigh Burnside in a pending	Please see additional page.
	Screen		action against Gaylene Bolanos and	
./	Letters		others to recover the wrongfully taken	
ľ	.		property. Inventory and appraisal,	
	Duties/Supp		partial no. 1 shows a bank account	
	Objections		totaling \$10,268.71 at the time of	
	Video		decedent's death. Petitioner believes	
	Receipt		that Gaylene Bolanos misappropriated	
	CI Report		all of the money in the account,	
	9202		because the account was empty	
	Order	Χ	when Petitioner presented Letters to	
	Aff. Posting		the bank after the opening of the	Reviewed by: KT
	Status Rpt		estate. Petitioner believes there were	Reviewed on: 11/21/14
	UCCJEA		other accounts taken by Gaylene	Updates:
	Citation		Bolanos, but Petitioner did not	Recommendation:
	FTB Notice		inventory them because he lacks	File 4 - Smart
	TID HOLICE		records that would show the balances.	THE 4- SHIGH
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Petitioner states prior to mid-January 2013 the estate had no cash for payment of decedent's funeral expenses, the expenses to maintain decedent's real property prior to sale, and the retainer requested by the attorney Petitioner hired to take action against Gaylene Bolanos and her confederates. Petitioner borrowed \$10,900.00 from a friend named Rich Curll, to pay those expenses.

Petitioner prays for an Order:

- The first and final account and report of Petitioner as Administrator be settled, allowed and approved as filed;
- 2. All acts and proceedings of Petitioner during his tenure as Administrator of the Decedent's estate be confirmed and approved;
- 3. Such further order as the Court considers proper.

NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS (Cont.):

- 5. Petition states Attorney Leigh Burnside filed an action against Gaylene Bolanos and others to recover the wrongfully taken property. Petition states Ms. Burnside has requested entry of the defendants' default and is in the process gathering the bank record and other information necessary to submit the prove up for requesting entry of judgment. Note: Examiner was not able to find any action against Ms. Bolonos in Fresno County. Court will require the case number of the action filed against Ms. Bolonos to recover assets.
- 6. Petition states 9,500.00 was paid to attorney Jeff Hammerschmidt as a retainer for his services to file an action against Gaylene Bolanos and her confederates. Court may require more information as to the litigation and the status of the retainer paid to attorney Hammerschmidt. Note: If Mr. Hammerschmidt did not do any work as alleged, then the retainer should be returned. Mr. Hagopian should have received a billing statement from Mr. Hammerschmidt regarding the retainer. The Court will require a copy of the billing statement showing what portion of the retainer was used and what it was used for.

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Note: Objections filed by Brandenburger & Davis, an heir search company and assignee a portion of the individual interest of several of the intestate heirs of the Decedent, was filed on 6/12/14 (in relation to the previously filed accounting. Many of the issues raised are relevant to this amended accounting). Objector states they represent the interests of intestate heirs on the decedent's paternal side. Decedent's father had four sibling, all of whom are deceased. The persons listed in the objections are issue of those siblings and they are 1st cousins or, in some cases 1 cousins once removed of the decedent. Brandenburger and Davis will file a Petition to Determine Heirship in this matter, if necessary. The persons listed in Petitioner's petition are from the decedent's maternal side. Objector believes that all of the siblings of the decedent's mother, Dolores Milano, died without issue and so the closest maternal heirs of the decedent are second cousins or more remote heirs.

Objector objects to the Petition on the following grounds:

- a. The accounting shows \$9,500 to attorney Hammerschmidt, but there is no details of why Mr. Hammerschmidt was retained or what services he rendered.
- b. In a separate filing in this matter on 10/9/13 to compel delivery of the estate under Probate Code §850, the Petitioner asserts that he inquired about the decedent's assets between January and April 2012 and by April became suspicious of the respondents named in the §850 petition. He alleges that no less than \$150,000 of the estates assets were wrongfully taken. Petition further states that \$10,268.71 which was shown on the opening inventory, partial no. 1 was not in the bank account when the Petitioner presented his Letters of Administration to the bank after the estate was opened. No explanation is offered as to how the respondents in the §850 petition were able to access an account in the name of the decedent or what action was taken, if any, he took to learn from the bank how the funds were released to anyone other than the Petitioner.
- c. The fact that Petitioner may have been duped by people he liked does not relieve him of his fiduciary duties to the estate and its beneficiaries. The Petitioner should provide greater detail of his activities as Administrator.
- d. No bond was required of the Petitioner because he filed waivers of bond by the seven individuals whom he represented where the issue of the decedent's grandparents and the only persons entitled to inherit the estate. Objector believes that the persons who waived the bond are the issue of the great-grandparents of the decedent and, therefore, not the 1st cousins as represented by the Petitioner. Petitioner has not shown that he made any attempt to determine if there were closer heirs before obtaining waivers of bond.

Wherefore Objector prays that:

- 1. The Petition be denied.
- 2. That the Petitioner's actions as Administrator not be confirmed or approved;
- 3. That the Petitioner be ordered to provide a more complete and correct accounting of his actions as Administrator;
- 4. That the Court reserve jurisdiction to determine if the Petitioner should be surcharged for his actions as Administrator.

Krbechek, Randolf (for Petitioners)

Reset: Petition to Determine Succession to Real Property (Prob. C. 13151)

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	Aff.Sub.Wit.		
✓	Verified		
	Inventory		
	PTC		
	Not.Cred.		
√	Notice of		
•	Hrg		
✓	Aff.Mail	w/	
	Aff.Pub.		
	Sp.Ntc.		
	Pers.Serv.		
	Conf.		
	Screen		
	Letters		
	Duties/Supp		
	Objections		
	Video		
	Receipt		
	CI Report		
	9202		
✓	Order		
	Aff. Posting		
	Status Rpt		
	UCCJEA		
	Citation		
	FTB Notice		

MARY MCGEE, RITA JONES, EARL LOCKHART, JR., EVERLENER SMITH, JACKIE LOCKHART, ARTHUR LOCKHART, DAVID LOCKHART, RICKY LOCKHART, JAMES LOCKHART, are petitioners

grandchildren, are petitioners.

40 days since DOD.

No other proceedings.

Decedent died intestate.

- \$110,000.00

Petitioners request court confirmation that Decedent's 25% interest in real property located at 962 75th Ave Oakland, CA pass to 1/9 to each of them pursuant to intestate succession.

NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:

Continued from 8/28/14. As of 11/21/14 the following issues remain:

1. A Petition to Determine Succession to Real Property was previously filed for this decedent (that petition was denied on 1/31/13). In the previously filed petition the petitioners were requesting a 50% interest pass to petitioners. (This decedent had a 25% interest in the real property and her sister had another 25% interest. The petition alleged that decedent's sister's 25% interest belonged to this decedent because the sister had died and decedent was her sole heir). The Inventory and Appraisal in the first filed petition listed the value of the property (50%) at \$110,000.00. This petition includes a copy of the same inventory and appraisal valued (25%) at \$110,000. How can the 50% interest alleged in the first filed petition and 25% interest as alleged in this petition both be valued at \$110,000? - Declaration of Attorney states the property is appraised at 100% therefore a 25% interest would be \$27,500.00. This petition only concerns a 25% interest in the estate. **Examiner note:** Pursuant to Probate Code 13152(b) and Probate Code §8802 the property listed shall state the fair market value of the property at the time of the decedent's death. Therefore need amended inventory and appraisal showing the value of decedent's interest in the property as of her date of death.

Reviewed by: LV/KT
Reviewed on: 11/21/14
Updates:
Recommendation:
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2. Decedent was also survived by a 10th grandchild, Opal White. Opal White died on 5/25/05 (after this decedent) therefore her estate is entitled to a 1/10 share of this estate. Petition states her son, Danny Brown has filed an Affidavit Re: Real Property of Small Value to pass Opal's interest in the real property to him. However, Opal's interest must first pass to her. In addition, someone (a special administrator?) will need to sign this petition on her behalf. Note: A special administrator cannot be appointed in this estate for Opal. A special administrator will need to be appointed in a new case for Opal's estate. – Petitioner contends that the issue of the 2.5% interest passing to the heirs of Opal White is not before the Court. Danny Brown has filed an Affidavit Re: Real Property of Small Value to claim the final 2.5% interest from the estate of Opal White. Danny Brown is not a petitioner herein, and seeks no relief in this petition. – Examiner note: The problem is that before the property can pass to Danny Brown the property must first pass to Opal White's estate. Therefore a Special Administrator would need to be appointed (in a separate proceeding) to be able to sign this Petition to Determine Succession on Opal's behalf in order to pass Opal's interest in this estate to her estate. After the property is in Opal's estate then Danny Brown can file the Affidavit Re: Real Property of Small Value.

Declaration of Randolf Krbechek filed on 8/27/14 states he cannot attend the hearing on 8/28/14 because he is required to be in Redwood City for closing arguments. Mr. Krbechek requests a continuance of 90 days to address the examiner notes.

Atty Fanucchi, Edward L. (for Administrator Isabel Diaz-Casillas)

- (1) Amended First and Final Account and Report of Personal Representative,
- (2)Petition for Settlement, for (3) Allowance of Attorneys' Fees for Ordinary Services,
- (4) Waiver of Commission, Costs, Reserve, and for (5) Final Distribution to Oral Trust

DO	D: 1-17-13	ISABEL DIAZ-CASILLAS, Sister and Administrator with Full IAEA without bond,	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
		is Petitioner.	SEE PAGE 2
		Account period: 1-18-13 through 6-30-14 Accounting: \$155,082.17 Beginning POH: \$155,082.17	
	Aff.Sub.Wit.	Ending POH: \$119,894.35 (cash)	
>	Verified	Administrator (Statutory): Waived	
~	Inventory	•	
>	PTC	Attorney (Statutory): \$5,652.47	
>	Not.Cred.	Closing: \$5,000.00	
>	Notice of Hrg	Petitioner states the decedent's house was	
>	Aff.Mail w/o	in default prior to her death and	
	Aff.Pub.	foreclosed shortly thereafter; therefore, it was not included as an asset as of the	
	Sp.Ntc.	date of death on the I&A.	
	Pers.Serv.		
	Conf.	Petitioner states that pursuant to the wishes	
	Screen	of the decedent prior to her death, it was her intention that the estate be held in	
~	Letters 8-6-13	trust by Petitioner for the benefit of her two	
	Duties/Supp	children and that funds be disbursed in the	
	Objections	discretion of the trustee for the benefit of	
	Video	each child in an amount in the discretion	
	Receipt	of the trustee for the general welfare of	
	CI Report	said children and for payment of any debts owed by the decedent as a result of	
>	9202	her death. The funds referenced above	
ľ	Order Aff. Posting	are to be deposited in the trust account of	Reviewed by: skc
	Status Rpt	Quinlan, Kershaw & Fanucchi, LLP, and	Reviewed by: SKC
	UCCJEA	funds are to be disbursed upon the	Updates:
	Citation	authority of the trustee.	Recommendation:
~	FTB Notice	Distribution pursuant to "Agreement Re	File 7 - Lujan
		Verbal Testamentary Trust" is to:	·
		Isabel Diaz-Casillas, as Testamentary Trustee for Amando Montero: \$53,252.56	
		Isabel Diaz-Casillas, as Testamentary Trustee for Jessica Montero Hinojosa: \$53,252.56	

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NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:

- 1. As previously noted for the original petition, there is no such thing as a verbal testamentary trust. A testamentary trust is a trust created by a will. See §17300. The decedent died intestate and her heirs are her two children, who are both adults. Further, the "Agreement" is signed only by Petitioner, and although it states the decedent verbally stated certain wishes, it does not provide details that would be relevant to an establishment of an oral trust under §15207, and this petition has not been brought under that section. Need authority for distribution in trust rather than outright to the heirs.
- 2. Various "advances" were made to the decedent's two children by Petitioner as "trustee" without Court authorization in violation of §11620. Jessica Hinojosa received \$10,559.74 and Armando Montero received \$10,000.00, plus \$2,116.68 for funeral expenses (not itemized) and \$2,000.00 was paid to McCormick Barstow on his behalf. The Court may strike any language approving the acts and transactions of the personal representative.
- 3. Consistent with the Court's recent practice, if Court determines an informal accounting of the closing reserve is warranted, Court will set a Status Hearing as follows:
 - Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Dept. 303 for an Informal Accounting of the \$5,000.00 Closing Reserve.

Pursuant Local Rule 7.5, if the document noted above is filed 10 days prior to the date listed, the hearing will be taken off calendar and no appearance will be required. Filing of the informal accounting of closing reserve will not generate a new hearing date.

4. Need order. Local Rule 7.1.1.F.

Kruthers, Heather H. (for Public Guardian)

(1) First and Final Account and Report of Conservator; (2) Petition for Allowance of Compensation to Conservator and his Attorney; (3) and Distribution

DOD	: 5-15-14	PUBLIC GUARDIAN, Conservator, is Petitioner.	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
000	13-17	1 ODLIC COARDIAIN, CORBERVATOR, IS FERMIORIER.	
		Account period: 10-9-13 through 5-15-14 Accounting: \$115,581.70 Beginning POH: \$ 3,495.00	Minute Order 10-21-14: Counsel advises the Court that a petition for attorney's fees was filed by
Cont	from 102114	Ending POH: \$82,823.72	Attorney Edward L. Fanucchi.
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		Note: Petition for Payment of
>	Verified	Account period: 5-16-14 through 7-11-14	Attorney's Fees for Court
	Inventory	Accounting: \$82,827.23	Appointed Counsel filed
	PTC	Beginning POH: \$82,823.72	10-17-14 by Edward L. Fanucchi is Page B.
	Not.Cred.	Ending POH: \$77,547.23 (cash)	is ruge b.
>	Notice of	Conservator: \$1,687.44 (for 11.64 Deputy	Note: If the proposed
	Hrg	hours @ \$96/hr plus 7.50 Staff hours @ \$76/hr,	distribution is affected by Mr.
>	Aff.Mail W	per declaration, including estimated time for	Fanucchi's petition, further notice to Medi-Cal may be
	Aff.Pub.	management of finances, preparation of	required, and a revised
	Sp.Ntc.	income tax returns, preparing statement of services, and making final distribution,	proposed order may be
	Pers.Serv.	pursuant to attached declaration)	necessary.
	Conf.	,	
	Screen	Attorney: \$2,000.00 (less than allowed under	
	Letters	Local Rule 7.16.B.1, since the Public Guardian	
	Duties/Supp	did not have to file the paperwork to	
	Objections	establish the conservatorship.)	
	Video	Bond fee: \$145.44	
	Receipt		
N/A	CI Report	Costs: \$539.00 (\$104.00 for certified Letters	
N/A	2620(c)	plus \$435.00 filing fee for this petition)	
~	Order	Datitionar states the Conseniates died	
	Aff. Posting	Petitioner states the Conservatee died testate on 5-15-14. Her will was deposited by	Reviewed by: skc
	Status Rpt	the Public Guardian on 8-14-14 (Exhibit E) and	Reviewed on: 10-16-14
	UCCJEA	heirs are listed in the petition. However, the	Updates:
	Citation	Conservatee received Medi-Cal benefits	Recommendation:
	FTB Notice	before she died and Notice of the	File 8A – Lyster
		Conservatee's death was sent to Medi-Cal	
		on 5-16-14. They sent a claim for \$191,000.00.	
		After payment of the allowed commissions,	
		fees and costs totaling \$4,371.88, Petitioner	
		requests distribution of the remaining estate	
		of \$73,175.35 to Medi-Cal.	
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8B Myrtle Lyster (CONS/PE) Case No. 13CEPR00746

Atty Fanucchi, Edward L. (Court-appointed attorney for Conservatee) Petition for Payment of Attorneys' Fees for Court Appointed Counsel [§1470]

			EDWARD L. FANUCCHI is Petitioner.	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
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			Petitioner was court appointed to represent the Conservatee on 8-29-13.	The Court may require Notice of Hearing at least 15 days prior to the hearing to:
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		Raymond Lyster filed a petition for conservatorship on 8-21-13. The Fresno	- Public Guardian - Medi-Cal
~	Verified		County Public Guardian was	
	Inventory		appointed as Conservator on 9-26-13.	
	PTC		Petitioner requests fees in connection	
	Not.Cred.		with the representation of the	
	Notice of	Х	Conservatee for the petition for	
	Hrg		conservatorship.	
	Aff.Mail		Datition or called the at he had no maid from the	
	Aff.Pub.		Petitioner asks that he be paid from the conservatorship estate a total of	
	Sp.Ntc.		\$1,955.00, including \$1,520.00 in fees	
	Pers.Serv.		and \$435.00 for filing costs.	
	Conf.			
	Screen		Itemization includes 7.6 attorney hours	
	Letters		@ \$200/hr and includes review of file	
	Duties/Supp		and reports, conference and	
	Objections		correspondence with petitioner's attorney, and court appearance.	
	Video		anomoy, and coon appearance.	
	Receipt			
	CI Report			
	9202			
~	Order			
	Aff. Posting			Reviewed by: skc
	Status Rpt			Reviewed on: 11-20-14
	UCCJEA			Updates: 11-21-14
	Citation			Recommendation:
	FTB Notice			File 8B - Lyster

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9 John and Ada Watkins Revocable Trust 11/14/90 Case No.14CEPR00024

Atty Helon, Marvin T., of Helon & Manfredo (for Petitioner Ada Neill Dennie, Beneficiary)

Atty Rube, Melvin, sole practitioner (for Arthur McClay Watkins, deceased Successor Trustee)

Amended Petition for Surcharge of Former Trustee, for Double Damages, for Damages for Financial Abuse of Dependent Adult, and for Instructions (Probate Code § 859 & 17200; W & I Code § 15610.30)

Ada	DOD: 11/11/20	10
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	Aff.Sub.Wit.	
✓	Verified	
	Inventory	
	PTC	
	Not.Cred.	
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	Aff.Pub.	
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	Order	Χ
	Aff. Posting	
	Status Rpt	
	UCCJEA	
	Citation	
	FTB Notice	

ADA NEILL DENNIE, daughter and Beneficiary, is Petitioner.

Petitioner states:

- JOHN FRANKLIN WATKINS and ADA CLARK WATKINS
 established as Settlors the JOHN FRANKLIN WATKINS
 AND ADA CLARK WATKINS REVOCABLE TRUST by
 declaration of trust dated 11/14/1990, and amended
 and fully restated the Trust on 3/1/2006 (copy of trust as
 amended attached as Exhibit A);
- Settlors had 4 children: FRANKLIN BOONE WATKINS, ADA NEILL DENNIE (Petitioner), DOLLIE CLARK WATKINS, and ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS (DOD 2/2/2014);
- ADA CLARK WATKINS served as Trustee of the Trust until her death, after which ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS acted as Trustee of the Trust until his death on 2/2/2014;
- By Order Confirming and Appointing Successor Trustee dated 2/25/2014, this Court confirmed the appointment of Petitioner as Successor Trustee;
- Under Section 9 of the Trust, the Trust became
 distributable to the Settlors' 4 children in equal shares
 upon the death of the surviving Settlor, except that the
 share of the Settlors' son, FRANKLIN BOONE WATKINS, a
 developmentally disabled adult now over age 60, is to
 be held in the SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST FOR FRANKLIN
 BOONE WATKINS established under Section 9.12 the
 Trust:
- FRANKLIN BOONE WATKINS previously resided with the Settlors in their home on W. Twain in Fresno; since the death of the surviving settlor, Petitioner has overseen and provided care for him, and in June 2013, Petitioner moved into the home to oversee his care;
- Petitioner was informed by an email dated 12/24/2013 from the former Trustee, **ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS**, that he had encumbered the residence on W. Twain to secure his bail and release from jail, following his arrest on 11/16/2013 in Santa Barbara County for bank robbery of a Wells Fargo Bank branch, and assault with a deadly weapon on a police officer; he indicated he personally misappropriated essentially all remaining assets of the Trust (copy of email attached as Exhibit B);

~Please see additional page~

NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:

Continued from 10/1/2014.

1. Need proposed order pursuant to Local Rule 7.1.1(F) providing that a proposed order shall be submitted with all pleadings that request relief.

Reviewed by: LEG Reviewed on:

11/24/14

Updates:

Recommendation:

File 9 - Watkins

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Petitioner states, continued:

- Although the former Trustee ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS had not submitted an accounting, after
 obtaining and reviewing available records on the Settlors' resources and trust assets, Petitioner is
 informed and believes that at the time he became trustee, the Trust had assets including:
 - Residence on W. Twain in Fresno;
 - o Toyota Camry with a value of ~\$15,000.00; and
 - o Cash and other liquid assets of \$802,000.00;
- Petitioner is informed and believes that the former Trustee took possession of the Toyota Camry
 and used it as his own; after the former Trustee's death, Petitioner sold the vehicle for \$12,000.00;
 as a result of the former Trustee ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS' use of the vehicle and the decline in
 value during such use, the Trust suffered a loss of at least \$3,000.00;
- Following the surviving Settlor's death, from the Trust's liquid assets the former Trustee ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS distributed \$150,000.00 each to himself, Petitioner, and to DOLLIE CLARK WATKINS:
- The former Trustee disbursed from the Trust only ~\$73,100.00 for FRANKLIN BOONE WATKINS' benefit or care out of the \$150,000.00 that was to be set aside for him when the other beneficiaries received their \$150,000.00 distribution, leaving the share of FRANKLIN BOONE WATKINS and his special needs trust having received ~\$76,900.00 less that the other Trust beneficiaries;
- Petitioner reviewed records of the Trust's account and transactions by former Trustee and believes
 former Trustee ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS withdrew the sum of \$250,693.00, of which \$76,900.00
 should have gone to FRANKLIN BOONE WATKINS, and the remaining \$173,793.00 should have
 been divided equally between the 4 remainder Trust beneficiaries;
- ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS' 25% of the remaining \$173,793.00 would be \$43,448.25; the total misappropriated by ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS was the \$76,900.00 due FRANKLIN BOONE WATKINS and the \$43,448.25 due to each of Petitioner, DOLLIE CLARK WATKINS and FRANKLIN BOONE WATKINS, a total misappropriation and loss to Trust beneficiaries of \$207,244.75;
- By reason of the misappropriations, losses and breaches of trust, the Trust beneficiaries have lost or suffered damage in the following amounts:
 - SPECIAL NEEDS TRUST FOR FRANKLIN BOONE WATKINS: \$121,098.25;
 - ADA NEILL DENNIE: \$44,198.25;
 - O DOLLIE CLARK WATKINS: \$44,198.25.
- ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS should be surcharged for the foregoing sums with interest and the
 amount of any and all additional damage or loss shown by reason of his encumbering, pledging
 or transferring the Trust's real property for his bail and/or personal debts;
- ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS in bad faith wrongfully took, concealed and/or disposed of property belonging to a trust and a dependent adult; ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS is liable for twice the value of the property taken and attorney fees in accordance with Probate Code § 859;
- ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS' surviving spouse, GEORGINA WATKINS, and his children, DANIELLE
 WATKINS and BEN WATKINS, are his successors and have succeeded to his estate, including any
 property due from the Trust, and they received property or benefitted from property
 misappropriated from the Trust; his successors are and should be found responsible for the losses
 suffered by the Trust to the extent of property received from ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS;

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- Judgment should be entered against any personal representative appointed for the estate of ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS and/or his successors for amounts received;
- The only significant assets of the Trust remaining after **ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS**' misappropriation is the Trust's real property on Twain in Fresno, which has been appraised at Petitioner's request of the Probate Referee at a value of **\$245,000.00** (copy of appraisal report attached as Exhibit C);
- Absent the misappropriations and breaches of trust, ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS or his successors
 would be entitled to a 25% interest in the residence (\$61,250.00) or a 25% share of the proceeds
 from the sale of the residence; ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS has already received more than he was
 entitled to from the Trust and his estate and/or his successors are now entitled to no further
 distributions from the Trust;
- The share of the residence or sale proceeds that ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS would otherwise now
 be entitled to receive should be applied to partially restore or be applied on account of the
 misappropriations and surcharges described herein;
- Petitioner should be instructed as Trustee that ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS and his successors have
 no further interest in or entitlement as a beneficiary of the Trust and that the real property and/or
 its proceeds, and any other assets of the Trust, should be distributed only to the remaining
 beneficiaries of the Trust;
- Beneficiary FRANKLIN BOONE WATKINS has mental limitations which restrict his ability to protect his rights and is a dependent adult as defined by W&I Code §15610.23; the trustee ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS was aware of this, and misused and abused his position of trust and took and/or misappropriated property of FRANKLIN BOONE WATKINS for his own personal benefit with an intent to defraud and deprive FRANKLIN BOONE WATKINS of property left for his benefit and needs by the Settlors, and the actions described constitute abuse of a dependent adult under W&I Code § 15610.30; the acts and actions were the result of recklessness, oppression, fraud, and/or malice.
- **ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS** is liable for damages under W&I Code §15657.5 as a result of such abuse, including attorneys' fees, costs and punitive damages.

Petitioner prays for an order of the Court:

- Surcharging ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS, with interest, for all losses and damage suffered by the Trust including those set forth in the Petition and any and all other improper expenditures and/or losses shown or found;
- Determining that ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS' estate and successors are responsible for the loses and damages suffered to the extent of the property received from ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS and benefit obtained from Trust assets;
- 3. Instructing Petitioner that **ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS** and his successors have no further interest in and are not entitled to any further distributions from the Trust, and that the remaining Trust estate should be distributed only to the other beneficiaries of the Trust;
- Determining that ARTHUR MCCLAY WATKINS and his estate are liable for damages for financial abuse of a dependent adult, including punitive damages and attorney fees according to proof; and
- 5. Awarding Petitioner attorneys' fees and costs as allowed by law.

Petty, Jonathon L. (for Kristen Peterson – Executor)

Order to Show Cause Re: Failure to Appear and Failure to File the Inventory and Appraisal

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KRISTEN PETERSON, daughter, was appointed Executor with limited IAEA authority without bond, on 06/12/2014.

Letters issued on 06/25/2014.

Minute Order of 06/12/2014 set Status Hearing for the filing of the Inventory and Appraisal on 11/12/2014.

Minute Order 11/12/2014: The Court issues an Order to Show Cause to Jonathon Petty and Kristen Peterson as to why sanctions should not be imposed for failure to appear and failure to file the Inventory and Appraisal. Mr. Petty and Ms. Peterson are ordered to be personally present on 12/3/14. Set on 120314 9:00 303 for OSC.

A copy of the minute order was mailed to Mr. Petty on 11/12/14.

NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:

Note: On 11-20-14, Attorney Jonathon L. Petty filed a Final Inventory and Appraisal; however, it is signed only by the attorney, and the signature is not dated. Please note that an attorney cannot verify a report for a fiduciary. Probate Code §1023.

Mr. Petty also filed a declaration that states he was unaware that the I&A had not already been filed. Mr. Petty requests that the Court show lenience on the attorney and the executor for the attorney's failure to appear and failure to timely file the I&A. Please see declaration for details. Mr. Petty asks that the Court forgive this error and find that sanctions should not be imposed. Mr. Petty also requests that if the Court chooses to impose sanctions, that they be for him only and not for his client, Ms. Peteron, as she relied on Mr. Petty's representation.

Mr. Petty also requests that the Court not require Ms. Peterson to attend the hearing on 12-3-14, as she resides in Rhode Island, and this would cause an incredible hardship.

If the Court finds this declaration and accompanying I&A sufficient, Mr.
Petty asks that the Court find this
12-3-14 hearing unnecessary.

Reviewed by: skc

Reviewed on: 11/20/14

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File 10 - Peterson

Atty Atty

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Matlak, Steven M. (for Trustee Robert M. Mochizuki – Petitioner)

Hudak, Mark D. (of Burlingame, for Beneficiary Chris Mochizuki – Respondent)

Petition for Instructions

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ROBERT M. MOCHIZUKI, Trustee, is Petitioner.

Petitioner states Settlors Robert Mochizuiki, aka Shigeki Robert Mochizuki, and Masako Mochizuki, both deceased, created the trust. The trust contemplated division into as many as three subtrusts upon the death of the first settlor; however, for purposes of this petition, the term Trust shall include the Mochizuki Family Trust and all subtrusts created thereunder. Petitioner and his three siblings are the beneficiaries of the Trust.

The assets of the Trust include real property consisting of approx. 8 acres located at 718, 748 and 810 S. Minnewawa in Fresno (containing an orchard and various structures) and approx. \$1,400,000 in liquid assets. The property has been used for agricultural applications since the mid 1940s. A Phase I environmental site investigation recommended further investigation for the potential presence of contaminants. A Phase II limited site investigation was conducted and for the areas tested, certain chemicals were discovered in elevated levels beyond that provided for by the California EPA's California Human Health Screening Levels. In addition, asbestos was discovered in some of the structures.

A disagreement has arisen among Trust beneficiaries as to the optimal route in dealing with the environmental issues. Remediating known environmental issues will cost the Trust a significant amount of money, and there is a risk that the cleanup process will uncover new and more significant concerns. Petitioner believes remediating the environmental issues will likely enable the Trust to net a significantly higher amount than if he were to simply list the property for sale without conducting any cleanup. More importantly, remediating the damage now provides greater clarity as to the exposure the Trust faces.

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NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:

Minute Order 6-25-14: The Court sets a \$150,000.00 limitation on expenditures for environmental remediation. Counsel is directed to prepare an order.

Minute Order 9-23-14: Continued to 10-28-14.

Minute Order 10-28-14: Mr. Matlak requests continuance. Continued to 12-3-14.

Reviewed by: skc
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File 11 - Mochizuki

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Petitioner states even if the property is sold "as is" this would not stop governmental authorities from coming back after the Trust, the trustee, and beneficiaries who receive distributions. Various federal and California statutes saddle prior landowners with liability for environmental issues even after a property is sold, even if disclosed to buyers. To address this, Petitioner could, in theory, obtain indemnity from a buyer, but this would likely significantly depress the sales prior and would only be as good as the worth of the indemnifying party.

A disagreement has also arisen among beneficiaries regarding making a preliminary distribution of the Trust estate while Petitioner deals with the environmental issues. A Trust beneficiary has asked for a large preliminary distribution. However, Petitioner is concerned that the environmental liability could exceed the entire trust estate. While initial cleanup costs are well below the size of the trust estate, there is some likelihood that the estimates are too low and that when work starts, worse problems will be uncovered.

Petitioner has consulted with two appraisers and an independent commercial real estate broker and there is consensus that the property would likely be used as a multi-family development. Petitioner notes that the homes are vacant and as such are a liability. Petitioner has already obtained bids for asbestos remediation, cleanup of contaminated ground, and removal of the structures. If the Court grants the relief requested, Petitioner will obtain updated final bids and begin asbestos remediation. Once cleanup is complete, the trust could offer a potential buyer assurance that all issues are remediated.

Petitioner prays for an order instructing Petitioner:

- a. Whether Petitioner as trustee is acting in the best interests of the Trust beneficiaries by proceeding with his plan to remediate the environmental issues and remove the structures at the property before listing it for sale; and
- b. Whether Petitioner as trustee is justified in withholding any preliminary distribution at this time until the extent of the cost to remediate the environmental damage is finally determined; and
- c. For any other relief the Court deems just and proper.

Beneficiary Chris Mochizuki filed a Response on 6-5-14.

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Chris Mochizuki states the property is no longer operated as an orchard and there are several abandoned buildings on the property. It is suitable for residential uses, but would have to be incorporated into the city, rezoned, and subdivided. Based on appraisals obtained by the trustee, the property is valued at approx. \$430,000. The trust has no liabilities or debts apart from the claimed risk associated with the remediation of hazardous substances on the property.

The Trustee is required to wrap up the affairs of the trust and distribute the net assets to the beneficiaries within a reasonable time. The Trustee has the power to comply with environmental laws and to "abate, clean up, or otherwise remedy" any violation of environmental laws. To date, Petitioner has only made small advances to Larry for help with his living expenses. He has refused to make any other distributions from the substantial cash reserves, supposedly because of the risk of runaway remediation costs for the property. However, he has taken no steps to begin remediation or to sell it "as is." Consequently, the beneficiaries are receiving nothing.

Petitioner expresses fear that the cost of remediating hazardous substances on the property justifies his delay in distributing cash to beneficiaries. However, he has not been entirely candid with the Court. The bids show costs of approx. \$50,000 for the entire remediation, which is less than 3% of trust assets. Even if he decided to reserve more, there would be plenty of liquid assets to make a sizeable interim distribution to beneficiaries.

Petitioner claims it is necessary to reserve the entire \$1,400,000 in case the remediation costs spiral out of control, but provides no objective basis for this fear. Moreover, if there is really a danger that costs could approach that amount, why begin the process at all to remediate a property that is worth, at best, \$600,000? If the risk of uncontrolled remediation costs is genuine, the trust would be better served by selling the real property "as is" for a reduced price and indemnity from a buyer, then distributing cash assets.

Administration of the Trust has been paralyzed by Petitioner's inability to decide whether remediation should or should not proceed. The Court should instruct him to either remediate the property or sell it "as is." In the meantime, Petitioner should be instructed to make a substantial interim distribution so that the beneficiaries can receive some of the benefits intended by their parents.

Respondent provides discussion regarding the environmental concerns on the property. See Response for details.

Respondent concludes that even if the costs double or triple, they would represent only a small fraction of the Trust's assets. It is difficult to understand Petitioner's concerns about uncontrolled costs, his reluctance to market the property "as is," and why he has allowed this minor problem to stall administration of the trust for the past year. The Court should require Petitioner to make a decision whether to remediate or sell "as is" and then act on it in a timely manner. The Court should require quarterly reports so that this process can be monitored by beneficiaries. In the meantime, Respondent respectfully requests that the Court order Petitioner to make a preliminary distribution to the beneficiaries of not less than \$1,000,000.

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Respondent Chris Mochizuki filed Further Response on 9-18-14 that states the current status is unknown. The trustee has not provided any information on the status of the remediation effort. They do not know how much of the work was completed, what remains, whether any unexpected contamination was encountered, the costs to date, or the costs to complete. There have not been any discussions of interim distributions. The trustee's continuing failure to provide information to the beneficiaries is unexplained and should not continue.

Respondent requests a Court order as follows:

- 1. That the trustee provide a full report to the Court and all beneficiaries regarding the work performed to date and the cost thereof within 10 days;
- 2. That the trustee provide a further report to the Court and all beneficiaries within 10 days regarding the remaining work to be performed, the estimated cost of the work, and the completion date, supported by documentation from contractors retained to perform the work;
- 3. That the trustee make an interim distribution of \$1,000,000 to the beneficiaries in accordance with their interests under the trust within 10 days; and
- 4. That the hearing on this matter be continued for 30 days to determine the status on the remediation and whether the property can now be listed for sale.

Status Report filed by Attorney Steven Matlak (not verified by trustee) provides status of the various projects and states work is still in progress and an additional 45 days is needed in order to complete the initial phase of the remediation work. See report for details re asbestos demolition, etc. Mr. Matlak states the trustee believes the work can be completed by November 1, 2014 and requests the Court continue this matter for an additional 45 days.

On 10-24-14, Respondent Chris Mochizuki filed Further Response wherein the above request is reiterated. Respondent states the Court and beneficiaries have been patient with this process, but there is no longer justification to continue withholding over \$1 million in cash in a trust that has no liabilities. The Trustee's continuing failure to provide information to the beneficiaries is unacceptable and should not continue. If the trustee refuses to keep the beneficiaries informed and refuses to administer the trust for their benefit, he should resign or be replaced.

An unverified status report was filed 10-27-14 by Attorney Matlak.

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Status Report (not verified) filed 10-27-14 by Attorney Steven Matlak states since the last hearing, the structures at the subject property have all been demolished and removed, and the contemplated soil removal has been completed. Further testing by Derek Wong of Innovative & Creative Environmental Solutions (ICES) found contamination was still present, and further excavation is recommended. The trustee has engaged Jeff Kroker of Kroker, Inc., to continue deeper removal of the soil, at which time ICES will conduct further testing.

The report states vandals stole wire from the temporary power pole and well, causing a delay to the project, as power is required by Mr. Kroker. A covered fence is being installed around the pump and power pole at an additional cost of \$1,500.00 to prevent this in the future.

The trustee timely completed all work anticipated in the last status report. Because digging at a deeper level is now recommended by ICES, the potential liability faced by the trust still remains unknown. If the contamination has reached the groundwater, for example, the cost could still significantly increase.

Because the extent of the damage is still unknown, Petitioner respectfully requests the Court continue this matter for an additional 30 days for further status and to provide time for additional clean-up work. The ultimate goal is a report from ICES that will be filed with the county that documents the completion of the remediation work that was identified in the environmental site investigation.

If the cleanup work is complete before the next hearing, and no further contamination is found, the trustee is prepared to release a substantial preliminary distribution of the bulk of the trust's assets, less a reserve of \$250,000.00 to cover future legal fees, trustee fees, property tax, insurance and maintenance fees, and any costs associated with sale. The property will be listed for sale as soon as the cleanup work is completed and Petitioner has been in contact with Bobby Fena of Colliers International. Petitioner provides a discussion of additional issues that may arise at sale with reference to the proposed reserve amount.

Rindlisbacher, Curtis D. (Court appointed for Conservatee)
(1) Petition for Order for Attorney Fees and for (2) Order Terminating Appointment of Counsel

			CURTIS D. RINDLISBACHER , is Petitioner.	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:	
			Petitioner was court appointed to represent the Conservatee on 5-27-14	Note: Conservatorship of the person	
			in connection with the petitions for conservatorship of the person and	and estate was granted to Debbie Waltrip, Spouse, on 8-7-14, without	
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		estate.	bond, but with certain funds to be	
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	Inventory		On 8-7-14, Debbie Waltrip, Spouse was appointed Conservator of the Person	status hearings were set for the filing	
	PTC		and Estate.	of the receipt for blocked account,	
	Not.Cred.			the filing of the Inventory and	
~	Notice of		Petitioner asks that he be paid from the	Appraisal, or the filing of the first	
	Hrg		conservatorship estate for 15.20	account. As of 11-20-14, nothing	
~	Aff.Mail	W	attorney hours @ \$325/hr and 1 paralegal hour @ \$110/hr for a total of	further has been filed by the Conservator, who is represented by	
	Aff.Pub.		\$4,835.00, plus the \$435.00 filing fee for	Attorney Gary Bagdasarian.	
	Sp.Ntc.		this petition. Itemized services include	3, 14, 15	
	Pers.Serv.		review of pleadings, conferences with		
	Conf.		client, correspondence with family and		
	Screen		Oklahoma social worker, attendance		
	Letters		at hearings, etc.		
	Duties/Supp		Petitioner states he is informed and		
	Objections		believes that the conservatorship		
	Video		estate is approximately \$47,088.00.		
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	CI Report		Petitioner believes further		
	9202		representation of Mr. Waltrip is unnecessary and requests an order		
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	Status Rpt		requiring that no further services be	Reviewed by: SRC Reviewed on: 11-20-14	
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Criego, Franz (for Abigail Serrato – Petitioner – Daughter)

Petition for Probate of Will and for Letters of Administration With Will Annexed; Authorization to Administer Under IAEA (Prob. C. 8002, 10450)

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			Full IAEA — o.k.	The initial petition filed 08/18/2014 contained several deficiencies. Attorney Criego filed an unverified declaration addressing some of
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✓	Verified		Residence: Fresno Publication: The Fresno Bee	cured. • The matter was continued to 10/09/2014.
	Inventory		1 oblication. The fresho bee	 A Supplemental Petition was filed on
	PTC		Estimated value of the Estate:	10/09/2014 prior to the commencement of
	Not.Cred.		Personal property - \$19,000.00	the Court hearing.
	Notice of	Х	<u>Real property - \$60,000.00</u>	Matter was continued to 12/03/2014.
	Hrg		Total - \$79,000.00	The Supplemental Petition still does not cure All the platfair paids. No end are Argunded.
	Aff.Mail	Χ	Probate Referee: Rick Smith	all the deficiencies. Need an Amended Petition which incorporates all that petitioner
✓	Aff.Pub.		Trobate Referee. Rick 311 lilit	is requesting.
	Sp.Ntc.			Need Notice of Petition to Administer Estate.
	Pers.Serv.			2. Need Notice of Felliot to Administer Estate.
	Conf.			3. Need proof of service of the Notice of
	Screen			Petition to Administer Estate on pursuant to
✓	Letters			Probate Code §8110 on the following:
✓	Duties/Supp			Genaro V. SerratoDavid Serrato
	Objections			 Javier Serrato
	Video			
	Receipt			4. Proposed Order appoints Abigail Vasquez
	CI Report			Serrato as both Executor and Administrator. Need new order.
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✓	Order			
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Bagdasarian, Gary G. (for Petitioner Jesus M. Mejia)

Petition for Letters of Administration; Authorization to Administer Under IAEA with Limited Authority (Prob. C. 8002, 10450)

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DO	D: 6/12/1994		JESUS M. MEJIA , son, is petitioner	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			and requests appointment as	
			Administrator without bond.	
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	Aff.Sub.Wit.		Decedent died intestate.	
✓	Verified			Note: If the petition is granted, status hearings will be set as follows:
	Inventory		Residence: Fresno	• Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.
	PTC		Publication: Fresno Business	in Department 303, for the filing of the
	Not.Cred.		Journal	inventory and appraisal.
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✓	Aff.Mail	W/	Estimated value of the estate:	a.m. in Department 303, for the filing of the first account or petition for final
✓	Aff.Pub.		Real property - \$80,000.00	distribution. Pursuant to Local Rule 7.5 if the required
	Sp.Ntc.			documents are filed 10 days prior the
	Pers.Serv.			date set the status hearing will come off
	Conf.		Probate Referee: Steven Diebert.	calendar and no appearance will be
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	Status Rpt			Reviewed on: 11/21/14
	UCCJEA			Updates:
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The Fernando Vasquez Special Needs Trust (SNT) Case No. 14CEPR00936

Winslow, William L. (of Los Angeles, CA, for Alicia Garcia Amaro – Mother – Petitioner)
Petition for Order Establishing Court Supervision of Special Needs Trust, Fixing
Trustee's Bond and Setting Schedule for Trust Accountings [§§ 3604, 3605, 17200(a), (b)(2)

			ALICIA GARCIA AMARO, Mother and guardian ad litem by appointment of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, is Petitioner.	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/ COMMENTS:
			Petitioner states The Fernando Vasquez Special Needs Trust (SNT) was established to receive the	<u>SEE PAGE 2</u>
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		proceeds of a worker's compensation settlement by	
~	Verified		order of the Fresno County Workers' Compensation	
	Inventory		Appeals Board (WCAB) in the matter of Ignacio	
	PTC		Vasquez Aragon (Deceased) v. Rogelio Castellanos Farm Labor Contractor and State Compensation	
	Not.Cred.		Insurance Fund, EAMS No. ADJ377753. The Order	
>	Notice of Hrg		Approving Compromise and Release approved by Judge Richard Ellis of the WCAB resolved the claim	
~	Aff.Mail	W	of Fernando Vasquez, son of the deceased worker,	
	Aff.Pub.		established the SNT, and appointed Bruce D. Bickel	
	Sp.Ntc.		as Trustee of the SNT.	
	Pers.Serv.		The beneficiary has significant developmental delay	
	Conf.		and is diagnosed with moderate to severe mental	
	Screen		retardation.	
	Letters			
	Duties/Supp		The gross settlement of \$303,000.00, less various fees	
	Objections		and costs, provides for an initial funding of \$235,088.79 to the SNT. Petitioner requests the Court	
	Video		fix the trustee's bond at \$262,000.00, which includes	
	Receipt		income of approx. 1% per annum and a 10% cost of	
	CI Report		recovery.	
	9202		Petitioner states the proposed SNT complies with	
	Order	Х	applicable law and Cal. Rule of Court 7.903.	Paviouad by ska
	Aff. Posting Status Rpt	<u> </u>		Reviewed by: skc Reviewed on: 11-20-14
	UCCJEA	<u> </u>	Petitioner prays for an order:	Updates:
	Citation		1. Undertaking by the court of the supervision of the	Recommendation:
	FTB Notice		Fernando Vasquez Special Needs Trust; 2. Fixing the trustee's bond in the amount of \$262,000.000, which bond shall be furnished by an authorized surety company or as otherwise provided by law;	File 15 - Vasquez
			3. Ordering the trustee to file his first account no later than 8-31-15; and4. For such other relief as is necessary and proper.	

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NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:

- 1. Petitioner has not been appointed as Guardian Ad Litem of the minor in this proceeding pursuant to applicable law. The Court may require appointment herein for standing to bring this petition. Please see Probate Code §§ 3602(d), 3604, and Mandatory Judicial Council Forms GC-100 and GC-101.
- 2. Article III, Paragraph 2 gives the trustee sole discretion over distributions. The Court may require more specific language distinguishing between discretion over basic distributions for the beneficiary's special needs from major distributions from the SNT for major purchases, and requiring Court approval for such major purchases, including how title will be held, etc. For example, purchases of vehicles, real property, or assets valued at a certain amount would require noticed petition and Court approval, and upon approval would be included thereafter as an asset of the trust for accounting purposes.
- 3. Article III, Paragraph 2(b) authorizes reasonable expenses for residence in a group home, board and care facility, or other living arrangement indicated by the beneficiary's disability. However, basic shelter-related expenses are not a permissible use of special needs trust funds and could result in a reduction of benefits. The Court may require this language to be stricken from the SNT.
- 4. Article IV, Paragraph 5 provides for accountings to be filed with the Court and sets forth who should be noticed for the accounts, including the trustee, the beneficiary, and the various agencies. The Court may require revision to include notice to interested parties pursuant to Probate Code §§ 2621 and 1460, and including Ms. Amara, mother of the beneficiary, who should also be appointed as guardian ad litem for the beneficiary in this matter, as noted in #1 above, and/or any guardian or conservator who may be appointed in the future.
- 5. Article VI, Paragraph 5 authorizes just and reasonable compensation to the trustee in an amount fixed and allowed by the Court, and states that subject to §2643 and Rule 7.755, the trustee may receive periodic payment of compensation on account. The Court may require clarification that the trustee may receive such periodic payment upon Court authorization.
- 6. Need order. The order should incorporate the terms of the SNT as modified pursuant to the above and any further order of the Court, and should include a signature line for the judge <u>after</u> the last attachment, but with some portion of the order on the page, pursuant to Local Rules 2.1.15 and 7.6.1.

Note: If granted, the Court will set status hearings as follows:

- Wednesday, January 21, 2015, for filing of bond in the amount of \$262,000.00
- Monday, August 31, 2015 for the filing of the first account by the trustee (date requested in petition)

If the required items are on file prior to the status hearing dates pursuant to Local Rule 7.5, the status hearing date may be taken off calendar.

Annamarie Serna (Det Succ)

Kennedy, Bruce Francis (for Joseph Serna – Brother – Petitioner)

Petition to Determine Succession to Real Property (Prob. C. 13151)

Гро	D: 6-6-14		JOSEPH SERNA, Brother, is Petitioner.		EDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
<u> </u>	D. 0-0-14		JOSEPH SERNA, BIOTHER, IS PERMIONER.	INL	LDS/TROBLEMS/COMMENTS.
			40 days since DOD	1.	Petition is incomplete at #9.a.(3) or (4). Was the decedent survived by a
			No other proceedings		registered domestic partner?
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		I&A: \$66,500.00 (a one-half undivided	2.	Petitioner did not include an Attachment 11, which should state
~	Verified		interest in residential real property		the legal description of the property
>	Inventory		located at 3833 E. Shields in Fresno)		and the decedent's interest in the
	PTC		Decedent died intestate		property that is requested to pass pursuant to this petition. (Note:
	Not.Cred.		Decedent died intestate		Although a description of the
	Notice of	Х	Petitioner requests Court determination		property and interest is provided in
	Hrg		that: Petition is unclear. See #4.		the Inventory and Appraisal, Attachment 11 is required pursuant
	Aff.Mail				to the petition.)
	Aff.Pub.				. ,
	Sp.Ntc.			3.	Petitioner did not include an
	Pers.Serv.				Attachment 14, which should state all heirs of the decedent pursuant to
	Conf.				#10(b) and #14.
	Screen				. ,
	Letters			4.	Pursuant to the above, it is unclear if
	Duties/Supp				anyone else is entitled to notice of this petition.
	Objections				niis peniion.
	Video			5.	Petitioner states at #13 that the
	Receipt				property interest claimed by each
	CI Report				petitioner is an undivided one half interest. Without the list of heirs, it is
	9202				unclear if Petitioner is the sole heir,
	Order	×			claiming 100% of the decedent's one-half interest in the property, or if Petitioner and another heir are each claiming one half of the decedent's one half interest.
				6.	Need Order pursuant to Local Rule 7.1.1.F.
	Aff. Posting			Re	viewed by: skc
	Status Rpt				viewed on: 11-20-14
	UCCJEA				dates:
	Citation				commendation:
	FTB Notice			File	e 16 - Serna
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Probate Status Hearing Re: Failure to File a First Account or Petition for Final **Distribution**

	DAWNA DEAVER, daughter, appointed executor with full IAEA authority without bond on 04/04/2006.	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/ COMMENTS:
	Letters issued on 04/05/2006.	Minute Order of 06/06/2014: Client
Cont. from 022814, 060614	Inventory and Appraisal filed on 11/27/2006 shows an estate valued at \$200,000.00 consisting of real property.	requests 6 month continuance.
Aff.Sub.Wit.	First Account or Politica for Final Distribution was due 0//2007	Minute Order of
Verified	First Account or Petition for Final Distribution was due 06/2007.	02/28/2014: No
Inventory	Notice of Status Hearing was mailed to Dawna Deaver on	appearances. The
PTC	11/22/2013.	Court on its own motion
Not.Cred.		removes Dawna
Notice of Hrg	Status Report Regarding Final Distribution filed 11/25/2014 states a status hearing was set for 12/03/2014 to allow time to	Deaver as the executor and appoints the Public
Aff.Mail	contact Ms. Deaver. On 06/10/2014, Susan Banuelos placed	Administrator as the
Aff.Pub.	another call to Dawna Deaver, spoke to her husband, who	personal representative.
Sp.Ntc.	gave her his wife's cell number. Ms. Banuelos called the cell	
Pers.Serv.	number and spoke to Ms. Deaver. She explained that the	Need First Account
Conf.	paralegal she used handled everything, and she thought	or Petition for Final Distribution.
Screen	everything was done. Ms. Banuelos explained to her that the	Distribution.
Letters	final accounting had not been filed and that is why the Court	
Duties/Supp	removed her and appointed the Public Administrator. Ms.	
Objections	Banuelos also explained to her that closing the estate could be made simple if she is willing to cooperate and pay the	
Video	fees. Ms. Deaver got very emotional, but did state her	
Receipt	willingness to cooperate. Ms. Banuelos explained to the filing	
CI Report	fee would need to be paid in the next couple of weeks, and	
9202	Ms. Deaver agreed to pay it.	
Order	Ms. Deaver is the sole heir to the estate, and no creditor	
Aff. Posting	claims have been filed against the estate. Due to lack of	Reviewed by: LV
Status Rpt	urgency relative to other court-referred matters, this was	Reviewed on: 11/20/2014
UCCJEA	inadvertently set aside by the Public Administrator, who will	Updates: 11/25/2014
Citation	made immediate efforts to contact Ms. Deaver. The Public	Recommendation:
FTB Notice	Administrator requests that the next status hearing for this	File 17 – Buzzard
	matter be set no sooner than 90 days from the date of this	
	hearing to allow time to collect the fees owed and to	
	prepare the final account.	
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Rindlisbacher, Curtis D. (for Timothy Warren Fletcher – Son – Conservator)
Status Hearing Re: Filing of the Bond

	TIMOTHY WARREN FLETCHER, Son, was	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
	appointed as Conservator of the Person	NEEDS/TROBLEMS/COMMENTS.
	and Estate on 10-16-14 with bond of	Minute Order 11-12-14: Mr.
	\$380,129.64.	Rindlisbacher will submit a revised
	' '	order along with a blocking order. If
Cont from 111214	At the hearing on 10-16-14, the Court	the bond and blocking receipt is
Aff.Sub.Wit.	set this status hearing for the filing of the	filed by 12/1/14, then no
Verified	bond.	appearance is necessary on
Inventory		12/3/14. Cont. to 12/3/14.
PTC	As of 11-20-14, bond has not been filed and Letters have not issued.	As of 11 20 14 modbing fruitbox bas
Not.Cred.	una teneis nave noi issuea.	As of 11-20-14, nothing further has been filed.
Notice of		boon mod .
Hrg		1. Need bond of \$380,129.64 or
Aff.Mail		verified written status report
Aff.Pub.		pursuant to Local Rule 7.5.
Sp.Ntc.		
Pers.Serv.		
Conf.		
Screen		
Letters		
Duties/Supp		
Objections		
Video		
Receipt		
CI Report		
9202		
Order		
Aff. Posting		Reviewed by: skc
Status Rpt		Reviewed on: 11-20-14
UCCJEA		Updates:
Citation		Recommendation:
FTB Notice		File 18 – Pace

19 Anthony Abraugh, Trevar Bolech, Jaiden Bolech, Case No. 08CEPR00851 & Selena Bolech (GUARD/P)

Atty Abraugh, Billy R. (pro per maternal grandfather/guardian of Anthony, Trevar & Jaiden)

Atty Clark, Regina (pro per paternal step-grandmother/guardian of Selena)

Atty Bolech, Sherrie Marie (pro per Petitioner/mother)

Atty Clark, Daniel (pro per Petitioner/father of Selena)

Petition for Visitation

	U A		PANIEL CLARK (III (C. I	NEEDS (DDODLENS) (OCCUPANTS)
An	thony Age 7		DANIEL CLARK, father of Selena, and	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
I⊫			SHERRIE BOLECH , mother, are petitioners.	A Delilion to Townsin at a the
Ire	var Age: 6		DECINIA CLARK in ottorio al storo	A Petition to Terminate the
 			REGINA CLARK, paternal step-	Guardianship was filed by Daniel Clark and Sherri Bolech and is set for
	den Age: 5		grandmother, was appointed guardian of	
Sel	ena Age: 3		Selena Bolech on 01/27/2014. – present in court on 11/5/14.	hearing on 12/10/14.
Co	ont. from 11051	4	COOH OH 1173/14.	
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		BILLY ABRAUGH, maternal grandfather, was	
✓	Verified		appointed guardian of Anthony Abraugh,	
	Inventory		Trevar Bolech, and Jaiden Bolech, on	
	PTC		01/18/2011. – personally served on 11/15/14.	
	Not.Cred.		11/15/14.	
1	Notice of		Father (of Anthony, Trevar, Jaiden): JOHN	
	Hrg		BOLECH	
	Aff.Mail		Determined an area of subsection (see Colors and Description)	
	Aff.Pub.		Paternal grandfather (of Selena): Daniel W. Clark	
	Sp.Ntc.		Paternal grandfather (of Anthony, Trevar,	
1	Pers.Serv.		Jaiden): Unknown	
	Conf.		Paternal grandmother (of Selena): Shirley	
	Screen		Stairs Reternal grandmether (of Anthony Trayer	
	Letters		Paternal grandmother (of Anthony, Trevar, Jaiden): Isabell Flores	
	Duties/Supp		Maternal grandmother: Sherrie Abraugh	
	Objections			
	Video		Petitioners state they would like to take their	
	Receipt		visits with the children to the next level. Both	
	CI Report		guardians have denied their requests. Petitioners are asking for overnight visits with	
	9202		their children from Friday at 6:00 p.m. to	
	Order	Χ	Sunday at noon. Petitioners feel mediation	
	Aff. Posting		will not solve their problems. The petitioners	Reviewed by: KT
	Status Rpt		state as of now they have supervised visits.	Reviewed on: 11/20/14
	UCCJEA		Petitioners state they have their own home	Updates:
	Citation		with rooms and beds for the children. The	Recommendation:
	FTB Notice		children need bonding time with their new baby sister.	File 19 – Bolech & Abraugh
			DUDY 315161.	

Day, Montie S. (Pro Per Petitioner/Conservator)

Petition for Approval of Exemption from All Accounting Requirement for Small Estate; Request for Termination of Conservatorship and Discharge of Personal Conservator (Representative) and Request for Waiver of Fees.

DC	D: 7/30/14	MONTIE DAY, Conservator, is petitioner.	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
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		Petitioner states between the opening	
		of the conservatorship and the date of	
	1.6 00047.4	death of Thelma Day, the	
	nt. from 090414,	conservatorship received \$1,167 per	
100	0214	month from social security. The	
	Aff.Sub.Wit.	amount of the care facility (Clovis	
✓	Verified	Quality Care) was approximately	
	Inventory	\$3,200.00 per month. Accordingly the money was transferred to the Thelma	
	PTC	Day Trust and used 100% for the care	
	Not.Cred.	of Thelma Day. The estate at the	
1	Notice of	beginning of the account period was	
*	Hrg	\$2,000.00 and at the end of the	
1	Aff.Mail W/	account period \$13,562.36. Therefore	
Ě		the estate meets the requirements of	
	Aff.Pub.	Probate Code §2628 to be exempt for the requirements of an accounting. At	
	Sp.Ntc.	the end of this period of account there	
	Pers.Serv.	are no assets, cash or otherwise held	
	Conf.	by Thelma Day or by the	
	Screen	Conservatorship.	
	Letters		
	Duties/Supp	Due to the limited resources (none	
	Objections	remaining in the conservatorship),	
	Video	Petitioner requests that any court filing fees be waived and the	
	Receipt	conservatorship terminated.	
	CI Report	consolvators in prominatou.	
✓	2620(c)	Please see additional page	
✓	Order		
	Aff. Posting		Reviewed by: KT
	Status Rpt		Reviewed on: 11/21/14
	UCCJEA		Updates:
	Citation		Recommendation:
	FTB Notice		File 20 – Day

26 Thelma L. Day (CONS/PE)

Case No. 13CEPR00134

Wherefore, Petitioner prays for an order:

- 1. For an order that any accounting and report be waived pursuant to Probate Code §2628;
- 2. For an order discharging Montie S. Day as Conservator for the Conservatorship of Thelma L. Day;
- 3. For a Waiver of all fees in that the conservatorship has no assets to pay such fees;
- 4. For such other and further orders as the Court deems proper.

Atty Atty Bess, Courtney Lynn (Pro Per – Maternal Aunt – Petitioner)

Atty Hurlburt, Dennis (Pro Per – Father – Objector)

Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person (Prob. C. 1510)

			TEMP EXPIRES 11-5-14, extended to 12-3-14	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
Coi	nt from 11/5/14 Aff.Sub.Wit.	4	COURTNEY LYNN BESS, Maternal Aunt, is Petitioner. Father: NOT LISTED (DENNIS HURLBURT per Objection filed 10-1-14)	Note: This petition pertains to the minor Jasean Bess only. Page B is a petition for guardianship of the minor Jashaya Sumlin filed by Petitioner Breshia Robinson.
	Inventory PTC Not.Cred. Notice of	X	Mother: JEZELL BESS - Declaration of Due Diligence filed 9-2-14 - Notice dispensed per Minute Order 9-16-14 Paternal Grandfather: Not listed	Minute Order 11-5-14: The Court orders that the minor is not to be left alone with the mother for any reason between now and 12-3-14.
	Aff.Mail Aff.Pub. Sp.Ntc.	X	Paternal Grandmother: Not listed Maternal Grandfather: Jeffery Bess Maternal Grandmother: Not listed	 Need Notice of Hearing. Need proof of personal service of Notice of Hearing with a copy of the
>	Pers.Serv. Conf. Screen	X	Petitioner states the mother is in and out of jail. Circumstances cause her to take off. Petitioner feels the minor needs a caring, loving, and	petition at least 15 days prior to the hearing pursuant to Probate Code §1511 or consent and
>	Letters Duties/Supp Objections	X	nurturing home and deserves a chance at life. Court Investigator Dina Calvillo filed a report on 10-29-14.	waiver of notice <u>or</u> declaration of due diligence on: - Dennis Hurlburt (Father)
>	Video Receipt CI Report		10-29-14.	Need proof of service of Notice of Hearing with a
>	9202 Order			copy of the petition at least 15 days prior to the hearing pursuant to Probate Code §1511 or consent and waiver of notice or declaration of due diligence on: - Jeffery Bess (Maternal Grandfather) - Maternal Grandmother - Paternal Grandmother
	Aff. Posting			Reviewed by: skc
~	Status Rpt UCCJEA			Reviewed on: 11-20-14 Updates:
	Citation			Recommendation:
	FTB Notice			File 21A – Bess & Sumlin

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Atty

			TEMP EXPIRES 11-5-14, extended to 12-3-14	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			BRESHIA ROBINSON, Maternal Great-Aunt, is Petitioner.	Note: This petition pertains to the minor Jashaya only. See Page A regarding the minor Jasean.
Cor	nt from 110514		Fadle and NOT LICTED	Minute Order 11-5-14: The Court
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		Father: NOT LISTED	orders that the minor is not to be
~	Verified		Mother: JEZELL BESS	left alone with the mother for any
	Inventory		- Declaration of Due Diligence filed 9-2-14	reason between now and 12-3-14.
	PTC		- Notice dispensed per Minute Order 9-16-14	
	Not.Cred.		Darka wa ad Cuawa alƙarkla a w Night Kaka al	1. Need Notice of Hearing.
	Notice of Hrg	Χ	Paternal Grandfather: Not listed Paternal Grandmother: Not listed	Need proof of personal service of Notice of Hearing
	Aff.Mail	Χ	ratemai Gianamomer, Noi istea -	with a copy of the petition at
	Aff.Pub.		Maternal Grandfather: Jeffery Bess	least 15 days prior to the
	Sp.Ntc.		- Consents and waives notice	hearing pursuant to Probate
	Pers.Serv.	Χ	Maternal Grandmother: Yolanda Moore	Code §1511 <u>or</u> consent and waiver of notice <u>or</u>
>	Conf. Screen		- Consents and waives notice	declaration of due diligence
~	Letters		Petitioner states the mother is never home	on:
~	Duties/Supp		and does not have a home to care for the	- Jashaya's father
	Objections		children in. The children are not properly	Note: On 11-24-14, Petitioner
	Video Receipt		clothed and Jasean has asthma that isn't	filed a "Proof of Service (Court
	CI Report		receiving correct medical attention. The	of Appeal)" indicating a
>	9202		children go weeks without seeing their	mailing to Dennis Hurlburt. However, this is an incorrect
~	Order		mother because she is too busy prostituting herself.	form for notice, and it is
	orac.			unclear if Mr. Hurlburt is
			Court Investigator Dina Calvillo filed a report	Jashaya's father. The Court
			on 10-29-14.	may require clarification, and/or further notice or
				diligence.
				3. Need proof of service of
				Notice of Hearing with a copy
				of the petition at least 15 days
				prior to the hearing pursuant to Probate Code §1511 <u>or</u>
				consent and waiver of notice
				or declaration of due
				diligence on:
				- Paternal Grandfather - Paternal Grandmother
	Aff. Posting			Reviewed by: skc
H	Status Rpt			Reviewed on: 11-20-14
~	UCCJEA			Updates:
H	Citation			Recommendation:
	FTB Notice			File 21B – Bess & Sumlin

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Case No. 14CEPR00881

Brooklyn Angelique Joy Moser (GUARD/P) Case No Moser, Candice Angelique (pro per – maternal grandmother/Petitioner)

Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person (Prob. C. 2250)

Candice Angelique Moser, maternal grandmother, is Petitioner. Cont. from 100714 Aff.Sub.Wit. ✓ Verified Inventory Notice of X Hrg Aff.Mail Aff.Pub. Sp.Ntc. Pers.Serv. X ✓ Conf. Screen Cont. from 100714 Candice Angelique Moser, maternal grandmother, is Petitioner. 1. Need Notice of Hearing with a cone Petition for Apple Guardian of the days before the Consent & Waive Declaration of Days a. Samantha Manner Samantha	OMMENTS:
Cont. from 100714 Aff.Sub.Wit. Verified Inventory Not.Cred. Notice of Hrg Aff.Mail Aff.Pub. Sp.Ntc. Pers.Serv. Verified Diligence filed 09/29/14; Court dispensed with further notice on 10/07/14 Conf. Consent & Waive Declaration of Due Diligence filed 09/29/14; Court dispensed with further notice on 10/07/14 Aff.Mail Aff.Pub. Paternal grandparents: UNKNOWN; Personal service to the father on 10/07/14 Aff.Pub. Naternal grandfather: ROMAN GARCIA Petitioner alleges that the mother is a prostitute and has a pimp that beats 3. Need CI Report of set Hearing with a convention of Due Diligence filed 09/29/14; Court dispensed with further notice on 10/07/14 Aff.Sub.Wit. 2. Need proof of set Hearing with a convention of Due Diligence filed 09/29/14; Court days before the Consent & Waive Declaration of Due Petition for Apport Consent & Waive Declaration of Due Diligence filed 09/29/14; Court days before the Consent & Waive Declaration of Due Petition for Apport Consent & Waive Declaration of Due Diligence filed 09/29/14; Court days before the Consent & Waive Declaration of Due Diligence filed 09/29/14; Court days before the Consent & Waive Declaration of Due Diligence filed 09/29/14; Court days before the Consent & Waive Declaration of Due Diligence filed 09/29/14; Court days before the Consent & Waive Declaration of Due Diligence filed 09/29/14; Court days before the Consent & Waive Declaration of Due Diligence filed 09/29/14; Court days before the Consent & Waive Declaration of Due Diligence filed 09/29/14; Court days before the Consent & Waive Declaration of Due Diligence filed 09/29/14; Court days before the Consent & Waive Declaration of Due Diligence filed 09/29/14; Court days before the Consent & Waive Declaration of Due Diligence filed 09/29/14; Court days before the Consent & Waive Declaration of Due Diligence filed 09/29/14; Consent & Petitioner States that the father is a Notice Diligence filed 09/29/14; Consent & Petitioner States that the father is a Notice Diligence filed 09/29/14; Conse	Hearing.
Inventory PTC Mother: SAMANTHA MOSER Declaration of D a. Samantha Moser Not.Cred. Paternal grandparents: UNKNOWN; Personal service Notice of Hrg X Unknown and the Court dispensed with further notice to the father on 10/07/14 b. Roman Garcing grandfather) Aff.Pub. Maternal grandfather: ROMAN GARCIA C. Paternal grandservice by most on tice Pers.Serv. X Petitioner alleges that the mother is a prostitute and has a pimp that beats 3. Need CI Report of the court of the prostitute and has a pimp that beats	opy of the vintment of Person at least 15 hearing <u>or</u>
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✓ Conf. prostitute and has a pimp that beats 3. Need CI Report of	is dispensed
Screen her. The mother placed the child in the CI to provide.	and Clearances –
✓ Letters petitioner's care temporarily however she wants to take the child back with	
hor to spond time with her nimp	
Objections Ther to spend lime will their pimp.	
Video Court Investigator Samantha Henson	
Receipt filed a report on – NEED REPORT.	
CI Report X	
9202	
✓ Order	
Aff. Posting Reviewed by: JF	
Status Rpt Reviewed on: 11/20)/14
✓ UCCJEA Updates:	
Citation Recommendation:	
FTB Notice File 22 - Moser	

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Atty

Dahl, Joan Marie (pro per – maternal grandmother/Petitioner)

Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person (Prob. C. 1510)

Ag	je: 3		NO TEMPORARY REQUESTED	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			JOAN DAHL, maternal grandmother, is Petitioner.	 Need Notice of Hearing. Need proof of service of Notice of
Coo	nt. from Aff.Sub.Wit. Verified Inventory PTC Not.Cred. Notice of Hrg Aff.Mail Aff.Pub. Sp.Ntc. Pers.Serv. Conf.	X	Father: SHAWN WHEELER Mother: AMBER DAHL Paternal grandfather: DECEASED Paternal grandmother: NAME NOT LISTED Maternal grandfather: LARRY DAHL - deceased Siblings: AYDN DAHL (7), CHELSEA WHEELER (14), SHAWNA WHEELER (13), LEVI WHEELER (11) Petitioner states that the mother is on	Hearing with a copy of the Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person or Consent & Waiver of Notice or Declaration of Due Diligence for: a. Shawn Wheeler (father) – personal service required b. Amber Dahl (mother) – personal service required c. Paternal grandmother – service by mail sufficient d. Chelsea Wheeler (sibling) – service by mail sufficient e. Shawna Wheeler (sibling) – service by mail sufficient
✓ ✓ ✓	Screen Letters Duties/Supp Objections Video Receipt CI Report 9202 Order Aff. Posting Status Rpt		drugs. Mason was removed from his mother's care by CPS in the State of Washington and placed with his father. His father called Petitioner in August and asked her to care for Mason because he was no longer able to care for him. Petitioner states that she has been involved in Mason's life since birth. Court Investigator Julie Negrete filed a report on 11/20/14.	Reviewed by: JF Reviewed on: 11/21/14
✓ 	UCCJEA Citation FTB Notice			Updates: Recommendation: File 23 - Dahl

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Alcantar, Violeta (pro per – maternal grandmother/Petitioner)

Petition for Appointment of Guardian of the Person (Prob. C. 1510)

Ag	e: 1		TEMPORARY EXPIRES 12/03/14	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			VIOLETA ALCANTAR, maternal grandmother, is Petitioner.	Need Notice of Hearing.
Co	nt. from		Father: DAVID RUBIO	Need proof of service of Notice of Hearing with a copy of the Petition for
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		Mother: MONICA RUBIO – personally	Appointment of Guardian of the Person at least 15 days
✓	Verified		served on 10/03/14	before the hearing or
	Inventory		Paternal grandfather: UNKNOWN	Consent & Waiver of Notice
-	PTC		Paternal grandmother: LYNDA RUBIO –	<u>or</u> Declaration of Due
✓	Notice of		served by mail on 10/10/14	Diligence for:
	Hrg		Maternal grandfather: FRANCISCO	 a. David Rubio (father) – personal service required
√	Aff.Mail	w/	HERNANDEZ – served by mail on	b. Paternal grandfather –
	Aff.Pub.	•••	10/10/14	service by mail sufficient
	Sp.Ntc.		D-1919	
✓	Pers.Serv.	w/	Petitioner states that the father has a long history of incarceration and drug	
✓	Conf.		abuse. CPS has advised Petitioner to	
	Screen		seek guardianship because the mother	
✓	Letters		has continued to allow the father to	
✓	Duties/Supp		have unsupervised contact with the minor. The Father is abusive to the	
	Objections		mother and assaulted the mother while	
	Video		she was holding the minor on 09/15/14.	
✓	Receipt		Guardianship is necessary to keep the	
É	CI Report 9202		minor safe.	
√	7202 Order		Court Investigator Dina Calvillo filed a	
	Aff. Posting		report on 11/20/14.	Reviewed by: JF
	Status Rpt			Reviewed on: 11/21/14
✓	UCCJEA			Updates:
	Citation			Recommendation:
	FTB Notice			File 24 - Rubio

Martinez, Maria Saravia (Pro Per – Mother – Petitioner) Atty Atty

Martinez, Jose (Pro Per – Father – Petitioner)

Petition for Appointment of Probate Conservator of the Person (Prob. C. 1820, 1821, 2680-2682)

			MARIA and JOSE MARTINEZ, Parents, are	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			Petitioners and request appointment as	
			Co-Conservators of the Person with	
			medical consent powers under Probate	
			Code §2355.	Court Investigator advised rights
	A ((0 1 140)			on 11-12-14
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		Voting rights affected.	Matter or et out a set a stand
~	Verified		A Canacity Declaration was filed 10.22.14	Voting rights affected - Need minute order
	Inventory		A Capacity Declaration was filed 10-23-14.	- Need minute order
	PTC		Petitioners state the proposed Conservatee	Need video receipt pursuant
	Not.Cred.		is diagnosed with microcepfaly and his	to Local Rule 7.15.8.A.
~	Notice of		head/brain is significantly smaller than it	
	Hrg		should be for his age. He has the cognitive	
>	Aff.Mail	W	ability of a toddler. He has limited control	
	Aff.Pub.		over his body and often hits himself with his	
	Sp.Ntc.		hands. He is wheelchair bound but can crawl. He can't use his arms to feed	
~	Pers.Serv.	W	himself; others must feed him. He is nonverbal but will sometimes react to	
~	Conf.			
	Screen		verbal and visual cues. He also suffers from	
~	Letters		other conditions. He attends Ramacher	
~	Duties/Supp		School and is a client of CVRC.	
	Objections		Court Investigator Samantha Henson filed a	
	Video	Χ	report on 11-25-14.	
	Receipt			
~	CI Report			
	9202			
~	Order			
	Aff. Posting			Reviewed by: skc
	Status Rpt			Reviewed on: 11-20-14
	UCCJEA			Updates:
>	Citation			Recommendation:
	FTB Notice			File 25 - Matinez
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Rodriguez, Frankie (for Primavera Damme – Daughter – Petitioner)

Petition for Letters of Administration; Authorization to Administer Under IAEA (Prob. C. 8002, 10450)

DO	DOD: 8-1-13 PRIMAVERA DAMME, Daughter, is		PRIMAVERA DAMME, Daughter, is	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			Petitioner and requests	, ,
			appointment as Administrator with Full IAEA with bond of \$175,000.00.	Continued from 11-3-14 at attorney's request. As of 11-20-14, nothing further has
	nt from 110314		D-111: A7	<u>been filed</u> .
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		Petitioner is a resident of Mesa, AZ.	Need Duties and Liabilities of Personal
~	Verified		Full IAEA – need publication	Representative (DE-147) and
	Inventory			Confidential Supplement (DE-147S)
	PTC		Decedent died intestate	O Nood Notice of Politica to Administra
	Not.Cred.		Residence: Fresno	2. Need Notice of Petition to Administer Estate (DE-121)
	Notice of	Χ	Publication: need publication	- ,
	Hrg			3. Need proof of service of Notice of
	Aff.Mail	Χ	Estimated value of estate:	Petition to Administer Estate at least 15
	Aff.Pub.	Χ	Personal property: \$ 5,000.00	days prior to the hearing pursuant to
	Sp.Ntc.		Real property: \$170,000.00 Total: \$175,000.00	Probate Code §8110 on all parties listed at #8 of the petition:
	Pers.Serv.		101di. \$170,000.00	- Javier F. Sanchez (son)
	Conf.		Probate Referee: Rick Smith	- Daniel Adan Sanchez (son)
	Screen			,
	Letters	Х		4. Need publication pursuant to Probate
	Duties/Supp	Χ		Code §8120.
	Objections			
	Video			5. Need Order.
	Receipt			
	CI Report			6. Need Letters.
	9202			
	Order	Х		
	Aff. Posting			Reviewed by: skc
	Status Rpt			Reviewed on: 10-28-14
	UCCJEA			Updates:
	Citation			Recommendation:
	FTB Notice			File 26 – Valencia

Atty Atty Woodward, Errin E. (Pro Per – Mother – Petitioner) Woodward, Brent C. (Pro Per – Father – Petitioner)

Petition to Establish Fact, Time, and Place of Birth [Health & Safety Code §§ 103450-103490]

			ERRIN and BRENT WOODWARD, Parents,	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
			are Petitioners.	
			Petitioners state there is no official record of the fact, time, and place of birth of Charles Eric Woodward and	Need Order Form VS-108, which is available from the California Office of Vital Records.
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		request that the Court make an order	
~	Verified		establishing the fact, time, and place	
	Inventory		of birth as follows:	
	PTC		Time of Birth: 8-11-09 at 11:45 p.m.	
	Not.Cred.		Place of Birth: Fresno County, CA	
	Notice of		,	
	Hrg		Declarations in support of petition state	
	Aff.Mail		Charles was born at home in a planned home birth. Also present were Petitioner	
	Aff.Pub.		Brent Woodward (Father), and Anni	
	Sp.Ntc.		Rodriguez, a certified midwife. When	
	Pers.Serv.		Petitioners first attempted to register the	
	Conf.		birth in 2010; however, a department	
	Screen		representative from the Fresno County	
	Letters		Dept. of Public Health made a mistake and the birth was not successfully	
	Duties/Supp		registered. Another attempt was made	
	Objections		in 2013 through the California Dept. of	
	Video		Public Health in Sacramento; however,	
-	Receipt		the application was returned with	
	CI Report		instructions to correct technical	
	9202		problems. Charles is the sixth of seven children, and with raising the children	
	Order	Χ	and working, Petitioners have found it	Paviawad by ska
	Aff. Posting Status Rpt		difficult to complete the process.	Reviewed by: skc Reviewed on: 11-20-14
	UCCJEA		·	Updates:
	Citation			Recommendation:
	FTB Notice			File 27 - Woodward
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Atty Gamino, Corine (pro per – maternal great-aunt/Petitioner)

Petition for Appointment of Temporary Guardian of the Person

Naveah 3			GENERAL HEARING: 01/22/15	NEEDS/PROBLEMS/COMMENTS:
Naveah, 3			GENERAL HEARING, 01/22/15	NEEDS/FROBLEMS/COMMENTS.
Brianna, 1			CORINE GAMINO, maternal great-aunt, is Petitioner.	Need Notice of Hearing.
Со	nt. from		Father: BRIAN GAMINO Mother: KRYSTIN GAMINO – Consent & Waiver of Notice filed 11/20/14	2. Need proof of personal service of Notice of Hearing with a copy of the Petition for Appointment of Temporary
	Aff.Sub.Wit.		Paternal grandfather: RAYMOND	Guardian of the Person at least 5 court days before the
Ľ	Verified		GAMINO	hearing <u>or</u> Consent & Waiver
	Inventory		Paternal grandmother: JOSIE GAMINO	of Notice <u>or</u> Declaration of
	PTC		G	Due Diligence for:
	Not.Cred.		Maternal grandfather: ALFRED GAMINO	a. Brian Gamino (father)
	Notice of	Х	Maternal grandmother: JENNY	
	Hrg		fernandez-gordon	
	Aff.Mail		Siblings: EDWARD GAMINO	
	Aff.Pub.		Sibilitys. EDWARD GAMINO	
	Sp.Ntc.		Petitioner states that the children have	
	Pers.Serv.	Χ	been placed with her by CPS until the	
√	Conf.		mother can provide a safe and stable	
_	Screen		home for the children.	
✓	Letters			
√	Duties/Supp			
	Objections			
	Video			
	Receipt			
	CI Report			
	9202			
✓	Order			
	Aff. Posting			Reviewed by: JF
	Status Rpt			Reviewed on: 11/24/14
✓	UCCJEA			Updates:
	Citation			Recommendation:
	FTB Notice			File 28 - Gamino